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## BUSINESS IS SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE WITH CANCER



Rebecca (right) and Sarah hope their free treatments will give people suffering from cancer a boost this October and November.

A generous beauty salon in Barry is giving free treatments to people suffering from cancer.

Rebecca Van Praag and Sarah Brown of Beauty Basics feel strongly about supporting people with cancer and decided to offer free treatments to people with cancer during October, Cancer Awareness Month – although the offer will also go into November.

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Bridge Cafe in moving tribute to local man

## 'Candles light up Armando's final journey – and the memories will go on forever'

Report by **TIM CHAPMAN**



ABOVE:  
The family of Armando Armelin say  
they were immensely moved by  
the tribute made in his memory.

A family say a touching tribute to husband and father of two Armando Armelin by a local business will live with them forever.

Armando's wife Kim told The GEM that she and her children, Lucy and Henry, will never forget the moment the funeral cortege heading for Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium arrived at The Bridge Cafe.

Kim said: "On Friday, September 26, my children and I got into a hearse to make a sad journey to Barry Crematorium to say our farewells to my husband, Armando Armelin."

"We hadn't gone far when we came to The Bridge Cafe at the Knap, my husband's favourite

coffee shop. We were greeted by the familiar faces of the owners and staff, waiting outside in silent tribute.

"To our complete surprise and astonishment, there were 60 candles lighting up both sides of the road under the bridge – one candle for each year of Armando's life.

"I can't begin to express how moved we were by this truly thoughtful and touching gesture.

"It will stay with us forever and will always make us smile when we think of it. Thank you all so much.

"It was so thoughtful and touching that the owners and staff took the time to pay tribute to my husband."

Kim added: "May I also thank everyone for the donations to Velindre on Armando's behalf.

"A total of £1,650 was raised at the funeral with additional online donations still coming in – our thanks to everyone."

The owner of The Bridge Cafe, Sharon Richards, said that Armando was a regular visitor the staff "thought a great deal of", and because they were unable to attend the crematorium, they decided to place flowers at the entrance to the bridge and line either side under the bridge with candles.

Sharon explained: "Armando was a warm, wonderful person who we wanted to pay tribute to.

"I, my daughter, Charlotte, son Christopher and members of staff Sue, Louisa, Barbara and Romain were all keen to show our respects to him."

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**W**AKE up people of the Vale!  
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No-one disputes the need for more housing in the Vale for people who would love to live here, but surely there is a limit?

Developers want to surround Cowbridge with hundreds of houses, losing beautiful green countryside for ever, as well as adding to all the smaller villages around the Vale.

Make your voices heard before it's too late!  
A Burges, Cowbridge

## AIR FARES: are they too high?

**A** RECENT story reported a reduction in service to Scotland by CityJet, due to low passenger numbers; one reason for this could be that the fares are too high.

Here are some actual fares for flights to Edinburgh from Cardiff, compared with those from Bristol: Cardiff – two flights at £79.68 and

£95.68 respectively; taxi to airport £20. Bristol – three flights at £32.99 and one at £38.99.

Train, Cardiff to Bristol Airport £12.50 with a railcard, and free bus Cowbridge to Cardiff.

I use Bristol. There must be a reason why budget airlines like Easyjet and Flybe don't fly from Cardiff.

Edgar Lloyd, Cowbridge

## Walk was not 'user-friendly'

**L**AST week, three of us followed a four-mile triangular walk from Sigingstone, using a Valeways leaflet as our guide.

The outward route to Llanblethian could hardly be described as user-friendly, as more than half of the stiles were broken and not safe to use. What should have been a pleasant countryside ramble was

completely unsuitable for a larger Cowbridge U3A walking group to take, which had been the aim of our reconnaissance.

This also raises the question as to who is liable if a walker sustains an injury when using a defective stile; a landowner or local council? Or are both jointly responsible?

Can anyone enlighten me, please?  
Steve Monaghan, Creigiau

## 'Thank you'

**T**HE Macmillan coffee morning held at the All Saints Church Lesser Hall, Penarth, on September 27, raised £713 and all raffle prizes were claimed.

Thank you to all the helpers and supporters in helping us raise this great total. Our next charity coffee morning will be on Saturday, November 22 from 10am until 11.30am.

Mary Thomas, Penarth

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## 'More facilities for the young needed – not more houses'

**I**ECHO the sentiments of Kim Sims' letter in The GEM on October 16, regarding a planning application to replace the Mount Sorrel Hotel in Barry with flats.

First, it was the Barry Hotel being turned into apartments – most of which seem to be unoccupied.

The Theatre Royal was next, an historic building which has become an 'eyesore'. Now we have the church on

## Mayor race night raised £1,310

**T**HE recent race night held at St Athan Golf Club on Friday, October 10 was a great success, with around 60 people present when the magnificent sum of £1,310 was raised, and will be added to the Mayor's Charity Fund in support of Teenage Cancer and Vale Plus.

My grateful thanks to the generous Sponsorship of the Races by, The Place for Homes, Owen's Motors, S&A Group, Ledley Engineering, Topstak, D.B.Francis, Riverlea, C.P.Motors, Llantwit Valet and Car Wash, Infographics, Shear Design and C S Boxall.

Also our thanks to the following shopkeepers in town who donated raffle prizes: Sloan & Co, Il Vesuvio, Nickleby's Bookshop, Pastures Green, Sunkissed Tanning Salon, Jaipur, Hair Design, The Flower Shop, Illtud's 216, The Chocolate Box, LM Sports, No Mean Feet, Coff-e2go, Llantwit Valet and Car Wash and Waitrose (Barry Store).

Thanks also to those who bought horses and to Mr Hunt of Filco, who donated the wine for the winning owners of each race. I cannot thank everyone enough for their support; the money raised will make such a difference to the lives of those who are not so fortunate as ourselves. Coun Mick Mason, Town Mayor, Llantwit Major.

## Noah's Ark cheque

**I**AM happy to report that the Mid Glamorgan Dolls House & Miniaturists Group show was successful and that we are able to send a cheque for £860 to the Noah's Ark Appeal (Children's Hospital for Wales).

Very many thanks to your readers and the shopkeepers of Cowbridge who kindly displayed our posters. Your help is greatly appreciated. Robin Tyler, Show secretary

## Digby Jones not a Conservative peer

**I**N last week's GEM, a letter-writer described Lord Digby Jones as a "Tory peer".

The GEM has been asked to point out that Lord Digby Jones served in Gordon Brown's Labour 'Government of all the talents' and when ennobled, he chose to sit as an independent.

Porthkerry Road being made into housing.

It would be refreshing to see someone come along and convert a building into somewhere for young people to go. We need more facilities for the youngsters, not more houses.

Although I now reside in Llantwit Major, I spent most of my childhood living in Barry and I am sad to see what is being done to the town.

Marlene Simmonds, Llantwit Major

## Time Out to support the ex-offenders

**T**IME OUT is a new project which especially supports ex-offenders and young people.

Often these issues affect relationships and cause mental health problems and we are happy to support and mentor those who are trying to cope with them.

We are based at the Solid Rock (Youth) Cafe, 77 Noltton Street, Bridgend, CF31 3AE and are open every Wednesday from 2.30pm-4.30 pm.

As a church based team, we have years of experience supporting prisoners during their sentences and are aware of the re-offending rates.

## Music in the autumn

**W**ELL, the autumn season of lunchtime concerts at All Saints Church certainly got off to a wonderful start this week.

The large and appreciative audience were treated to a superb programme of music featuring Richard Parry (baritone), Naomi Excell (violin) and Chris Glynn (accompanist).

The whole event had a feeling of conviviality and was enjoyed by all. The good news is that there are another five concerts lined up between now and December. If you want to be treated to a feast of wonderful organ music, don't miss next week's organ recital given by James Bull, organist and choirmaster at All Saints Church, Penarth.

One imagines that James will want to show off the amazing versatility of this superb instrument – from wistful quiet tones to full-blown, shake the foundations stuff.

I would like to invite Penarth music-lovers to take advantage of the free concerts at All Saints Church this autumn. Bring your lunch

Dafydd G Jones, Penarth

## Faith restored in mankind...

**M**ANY years ago, I bought a second hand fridge freezer and after a week or so, I woke to find a small pool of water at the bottom of it. It had packed up!

I called at the house of the person I bought it from, explaining what had happened. They said that it was sold in good faith and didn't know it was on its way out.

One day last week, I

was totally shocked to open my front door to the gentleman I bought it from, who offered me my cash back! I said it was a long time ago and not to worry about it.

He insisted, saying it had been on his mind for the last 15 years. He had seen me going into my house while his wife went to the chemists.

I would like to thank him and his wife for this kindness, and for restoring my faith in mankind.

Shane Overton, Barry

## Foul sight on a public footpath



**I**WALK my dog every morning, and on Sunday, I came across this sight on the footpath near Cardiff Road, in Barry.

To my amazement, the refuse bin hadn't looked like it had been cleaned for a few days. The fact I had to pick up the dog fouling bags from the path to put by the bin was disgusting. What a sight on a public footpath. – and the smell wasn't too clever, either!

(Name and address supplied)

## HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL OCTOBER 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

| DATE    | Time AM | Ht M | Time PM | Ht M |
|---------|---------|------|---------|------|
| 23 Thur | 06.49   | 9.5  | 19.04   | 9.6  |
| 24 Fri  | 07.22   | 9.7  | 19.38   | 9.8  |
| 25 Sat  | 07.59   | 9.9  | 20.11   | 9.9  |
| 26 Sun  | 07.34   | 9.9  | 19.48   | 9.8  |
| 27 Mon  | 08.11   | 9.7  | 20.25   | 9.7  |
| 28 Tues | 08.48   | 9.5  | 21.08   | 9.4  |
| 29 Wed  | 09.31   | 9.3  | 21.54   | 8.9  |
| 30 Thur | 10.22   | 8.8  | 22.52   | 8.4  |

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# Man fined after dog attack – and Skamp lost an ear



Skamp lost his ear as a result of the attack.

**CHRISTOPHER SELBY** of Michaelston Close, Barry, pleaded guilty to two charges under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 at Cardiff Magistrates Court, on Thursday, October 9.

An investigation was undertaken by Vale of Glamorgan Trading Standards and the Dog Warden service following receipt of a complaint from a member of the public.

The court heard how two of Selby's Plummer terrier dogs had attacked a Yorkshire terrier called Skamp. Skamp suffered significant injuries, which resulted in the amputation of his left ear and substantial bite wounds to his neck. The owner of Skamp feared for her own safety during the attack.

The court fined Selby £235, and he was also ordered to pay a victim surcharge along with costs of £100 and compensation of £331.34 to Skamp's owner.

The magistrates went on to consider their powers under the Dangerous Dogs Act and ordered a 'contingent destruction order' in relation to the two dogs subject to the charges. They ordered that both dogs must be muzzled and kept on a lead in a public place.

The Leader of Vale Council, Coun Neil Moore said: "Unfortunately, it is becoming commonplace to hear in the news about dangerous dogs. We were lucky in this instance that no person was injured or hurt, however Skamp has been left seriously injured and his owner was left emotionally scarred by this incident."

Principal trading standards officer Christina Roberts-Kinsey added: "The order made by the magistrates court expresses the seriousness of the offence, and Selby was warned that 'should the dogs in question be found to be in a public place whilst not on a lead and muzzle', they would be destroyed."

## Councillor hits at polling station 'snub'

**A PENARTH** councillor says his proposals to make polling stations more available to the elderly and infirm in the town's Plymouth ward, have been "rejected out of hand by officials", following a review.

Coun Anthony Ernest, a Conservative town councillor, former Penarth Mayor and past chairman of the Vale Council, said that the Vale Council had recently carried out the review of every polling station's location in the Vale.

It had concluded that "no changes" were necessary, other than one minor re-location in just one ward in a county of over 120,000 residents.

He said that for many years there has been considerable concern in Penarth's Plymouth ward about the location of polling stations, two of which are based in church halls lying outside the boundaries of Plymouth ward, while the third is based in a community centre lying on the southernmost boundary.

"The result of these

poorly-sited polling stations is that many elderly and infirm residents in my ward, especially those in the centre, have to travel considerable distances to vote for the party of their choice, as well as their local councillors at election times.

"This means, in effect, that many of my constituents are disenfranchised by virtue of mobility and age issues, and my logical proposals to the Vale's Review Team were to place one or more additional polling stations in the centre of the ward.

"Regrettably, the Vale have not come up with an answer to my concerns, and in all probability for others in the Vale who have made similar requests about access in their wards.

"Fortunately, there is a second round of consultation, due to close on October 24, and I am speaking with other Government-led departments to see whether they can bring pressure on the Vale Council to be a bit more sympathetic to the needs of the elderly in Penarth."

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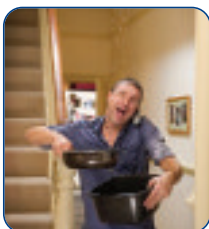
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## YSGOL NANT TALWG SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW BUILDING



## LUCY (10) DESIGNS A FUN PRIZEWINNING PICTURE

LUCY CUTTS (aged 10) of Fairfield Primary, Penarth, won £250 for the school plus a £25 gift card for herself in an art competition run by Tesco.

The winning artwork was printed on 250 re-usable jute shopping bags - distributed free to parents and children at her school.

Last week young Lucy, accompanied by classmates, family and school staff, visited Tesco Penarth to pick up their prize.

Schoolchildren had been asked to design an eye-catching picture to help promote the Click and Collect online shopping service.

Lucy's entry was selected by judges for its colour, impact, sense of fun and style.

Here Lucy shows off the winning design on specially printed shopping bags.



PUPILS at Ysgol Nant Talwg invited Vale AM Jane Hutt and Coun Chris Elmore to officially open their new building.

The expansion was funded by the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Welsh Government as part of the 21st century schools programme.

The new school will accommodate 210 pupils - 20 trainees, apprentices and graduates gained valuable experience during its construction and four have found employment locally as a direct result.

Coun Chris Elmore, cabinet member for children's services, said: "The new building looks fantastic, and has been finished to an excellent standard. I'm sure the pupils will be more than happy learning here."

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## St Cyres site in Dinas 'unsuitable for housing' says local councillor

The former St Cyres School site in Dinas Powys is about to be marketed by the Vale Council – but local Plaid Cymru councillors have said they question the need for 10,000 more houses in the Vale, and 350 at that particular location in the village.

Local councillor Chris Franks said there were legitimate reservations in Dinas if plans were forthcoming. "There are huge concerns locally about

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this development which could include 350 houses. The traffic implications are very significant. This site is in addition to the 70 houses proposed at Caerleon Road.

"Without significant traffic management issues being resolved many residents fear that the extra traffic will create even more problems.

"We have not seen any indication of how it's intended to overcome the bottle necks at the Murch Road-Cardiff Road junction and at the

Merrier Harrier traffic lights."

Coun Franks said Plaid understood that it is intended to offer the land for development on the open market and builders would be required to draw up a master plan for the site covering around 30 acres.

He explained: "Within the site, there is to be an allocation for community facilities. It looks as though all traffic will travel along Murch Crescent from the site.

"We still dispute the need for so many extra

houses in the Vale. In fact all the recent evidence reinforces this view."

Plaid argue that 10,000 houses are not needed over the next 11 years – until 2026 – but the Vale Council may disagree, and will have to decide whether to confirm this figure when they release the new LDP early next year.

Coun Franks said that he, along with fellow councillor Val Hartrey and Keith Hatton, would continue to resist what he described as an "unsuitable development".

## Green flag flies in Central Park



MEMBERS of the Barry Citizens Action Group and the Vale Council's parks and grounds maintenance department joined together to celebrate the raising of Central Park's newly

acquired Green Flag. They were joined by the Mayor of the Vale, Coun Howard Hamilton, and his wife Carol, Mayor of Barry Town Council, Coun Jeff Evans, Jane Hutt AM, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, Coun Ian Johnson and Coun Gwyn

John, cabinet member for leisure, parks, culture and sports development.

A successful action by the Barry Citizens Action Group, led by Dilys Colbourne, ensured that the site was not taken over for a large development.

## Residents will decide future of housing office

RESIDENTS in Gibbonsdown are being given the chance to decide on the future of the old housing office on Aberaeron Close, which is being turned into a community hub.

The Vale Council's housing team is hosting a Halloween-themed gathering to give the opportunity to tell members of the housing team what they would like to see the building used for, and what services they would like to see provided there.

The event takes place on Thursday, October 30 from 1pm-5pm, and is free to all residents. There will be children's games and entertainment for all, as well as

music from the Vale Youth Service and a visit from the V-Pod Bus.

Housing assistant, Stephen Crockford, said: "This will be a fantastic opportunity to listen to exactly what Gibbonsdown residents feel their community needs.

"We want to know in what areas they feel they are lacking in support and what they feel would benefit them so that we can turn this building into a first-class service point for everyone in the area."

The new community hub could potentially be used by residents for easy access to the web, meetings with money advisors, workshops, training, or youth activities.

## Call for return of officers

PLAID CYMRU has called for the return of environmental officers to the streets of Barry, after Coun Ian Johnson requested a report on the council's ten-month trial.

During 2012-13, there was a ten-month trial with private company XF0R. Councillors have been told that a new scheme was being considered.

Coun Ian Johnson, who represents the centre of Barry, said: "Reducing litter and rubbish on our streets is a key part of making Barry a better place to live.

"The environmental officers' trial didn't work, because it was a private company with a flawed business model, where they had to fine a certain number of people each week.

"Plaid Cymru would like to see the council develop their own business plan for council-staff as environmental officers, as we do for traffic wardens, rather than for an external company," he added.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Street surgery**  
INDEPENDENT councillors for Court ward in Barry, Richard and Robert Bertin, will be holding their monthly street surgery this Saturday, October 25, between 10am-11am in Blackwell and Ilminster Close.

**Family fun**  
THE St Iltyd's Day Nursery will hold a family fun day – 'People Who Help Us' – on Saturday, October 25 from 10am-2pm.

Craft activities, role play games, face painting, cakes.

## Friends group meets at new venue

FRIENDS and Neighbours held their October meeting at Beryl Road Pioneer Hall, Barry with a fish and chip lunch.

The group has grown immensely since it was established four years ago when it met at the Senior Health Shop Holton Road, Barry, but as the numbers have grown, had to make the decision to move to Beryl Road Pioneer Hall.

Coun Howard Hamilton (Mayor of the Vale) and his wife Carol attended the meeting and chatted to the members.

The group is looking forward to the visit to Wales Millennium Centre see The Lion King in November and trip to Swansea for the Christmas markets; and also the Christmas party at Brynhill Golf Club in December.

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## IN AND OUT OF CLASS AT BARRY COMPREHENSIVE...

### Students quick to seize their sporting chance



Cameron and Louie with Welsh actor Julian Lewis Jones and Welsh rugby star Ken Owens

#### Music at lunchtime

THE second of six hour-long lunchtime concerts at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, will be held next Monday (October 27) at 1pm with music by organist James Bull.

Concert-goers are invited to bring along their own lunch, and teas, coffees and soft drinks will be provided. The lunchtime concerts continue every Monday at All Saints until Monday, November 24.

More details from the Parish Administrator on 029 2070 3170.

**SCHOOL sport competitions begin thick and fast at the start of the new term and cross country took centre stage at Barry Comprehensive School recently.**

Initially, all boys from years 7, 8 and 9 competed in the inter-house competition, where they gain points for their house, and then it was the turn of the senior athletes in the school to compete in their own race to find the school champion.

All races were exciting to the very finish, with Jay Boulton triumphing in year-7, and Archie Williams and Joe Doughty coming in a close second and third.

Jack Pascoe won the year-8 race with Jack Blackmore and Jack Cutajar coming second and third, while in year-9, Callum Bellamy was victorious, closely followed by Kyle Booth and Jack Such in second and third position.

In the senior competition for boys in years-10 to 13, Joe Hewings from year-10 was an outright winner, followed by Jake McNery and Josh Harris in second and third place. The top finishers from each of these races then formed the representative teams which lined up for the first and second cross country fixtures of the new season at Trelai Park.

The year-8 boys have shown up well against other Cardiff and Vale schools, ably led by Jack Blackmore, who has been solidly consistent, while in the senior boys age group, Joe Hewings

has been the pick of the bunch from Barry.

All in all, a solid start to the season, with plenty to build on the next fixtures in late October and November. Well done to all involved.

#### WRU rugby competition

ON Friday, October 10, two year-8 students from Barry Comprehensive School assisted with the launch of a WRU competition, in collaboration with 'Into Film Cymru'.

The competition criteria wants members to create storyboards for the WRU's 'Scorch' character – the winners' work will be animated and shown at WRU events.

Cameron McAllister and Louie Raven, both members of 'Into Film' at Barry Comprehensive (which runs on Mondays after school), were the first

Welsh representatives of the 'Into Film' UK wide Youth Advisory Council and have attended termly meetings in London.

The boys were approached to take part in the launch in light of their previous efforts representing 'Into Film' at the Welsh BAFTAs.

At the launch, Cameron and Louie (pictured above left) interviewed Welsh actor Julian Lewis Jones (who starred in Clint Eastwood's 'Invictus' alongside Matt Damon and Morgan Freeman) and Welsh rugby star Ken Owens in front of an audience and on camera for the WRU and 'Into Film'. Well done boys! AC

### Business helps cancer sufferers

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Rebecca explained: "It means a lot to us and we want to show people we care. I lost my mum and aunt to cancer.

"Whether you are a man or a woman suffering from any type of cancer, please get in touch and let us make October your 'feel good month'.

"There are a whole range of treatments people could choose from such as massages, reflexology, facials, HD eyebrows, waxing, nails and eye lash extensions.

"Our hope is in some way to put a smile back on people's faces."

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## SCHOOL PUPILS SUPPORT WORK OF VALE FOODBANK



**PUPILS in Key Stage 3 at Bryn Hafren have been celebrating harvest this week, at assemblies with year groups and tutorials with their form tutor.**

We have also talked about people who are less fortunate than us as well. Bryn Hafren pupils have decided they would like to collect food items for the Vale Foodbank this year.

Foodbank is a charity that collects food items that are then put together to make three-day emergency food packages for

families in the community.

Pupils have received visiting speakers in assemblies talking about the Foodbank and why it is important.

Lesley from the Vale Foodbank said: "I can't believe how kind the girls at Bryn Hafren are and how much they know about the Foodbank. We are so pleased."

A special assembly was held where pupils presented the donations to the Foodbank.

Charlotte Evans, Paris Williams, Julie Rice, Olivia Whyman and Linda Lockyer

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### RHOOSE BINGO AFTERNOON

The management committee at Rhose Community Hall is holding another bingo afternoon

this Saturday, October 25.

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## Young Vale musicians are ready to step up a grade!



ABOVE; Left to right: Thomas Edwards (piano), Isabelle Vaughan (piano), Emily Trundle (recorder), Henry Lin (piano), Megan Foley (piano), and Maddie Barratt (piano).

**SIX young musicians from the Vale hit a high note in their music exams.**

The five pianists and one recorder player, aged between six to 14, achieved outstanding

marks averaging 92 per cent.

They were presented with certificates from the London College of Music at a recent ceremony in Llantwit Major.

"Their teacher, Penny

Weedon Kerr, said: "The industry and enthusiasm that these young musicians brought to their work their success is well deserved. Now they're all keen to take the next grade!"

### PACT meetings

**COFFEE and chat meeting**, Ewenny Garden Centre on October 28 at 10.30am.

**RHOOSE PACT**, Community Hall, Celtic Way on October 30 at 6.30pm.

**COURT PACT**, Witchill Community Centre, Dyfan Road, Barry on November 6 at 6pm.

**GIBBONSDOWN PACT**, Barry Rugby Club, Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry on November 10 at 7pm.

**BARUC PACT**, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry on November 11 at 6.30pm.

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# Parties speak with one voice on extra powers for Wales...

**THIS week, we debated a motion which was agreed by all four party Leaders in the Assembly on the future of devolution for Wales.**

It was widely welcomed that we had secured such a statement of purpose and commitment to make sure that Wales can speak with a united voice.

This is vital following the historic Scottish Referendum and the commitment to further devolution for Scotland. It is clear that our voice must be heard, particularly in relation to our financial position with reducing

public finances.

That is why we produced a full statement of the powers and levers we believe we need in Wales – to boost the economy and support our public services.

We welcomed the Prime Minister's commitment that 'Wales will be at the heart of the debate on the future of the United Kingdom' and called for talks to begin immediately between the Welsh Government and UK Government on our financial position – drawing on the work of the independent Holtham Commission and the cross party Silk Commission, which provided evidence and support for a fairer funding settlement for Wales.

The motion went on to address a number of issues and needs with a clear timetable for response from the UK Government in this current Westminster Parliamentary session.

Fortunately, progress is being made as the Wales Bill is proceeding through the House of Lords, with widespread support and lively debate on a number of amendments which relate to our motion debated in the Senedd this week.

## Joint talks

On Monday, I also welcomed the Secretary of State for Wales, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury and the Financial Secretary to the Treasury to Cathays Park, for the first meeting of the Joint Exchequer Committee,

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by  
**Jane Hutt**  
AM (Minister  
for Finance)

which will provide an inter-governmental forum for the devolution of powers afforded in the Wales Bill – but also those powers which do not require legislation, such as the devolution of Business Rates.

This will happen in April 2015 and I have been negotiating this transfer to provide a secure base for our development and delivery of business rates policies that suit Welsh business needs.

Fifty years ago, Jim Griffiths became the first Secretary of State for Wales and a Welsh

Office was established in Cathays Park. I was reminded of this by Rhodri Morgan, our former First Minister, and by Cowbridge author Gareth Thomas, in his book *The Welsh Dawn*, which we discussed at the Penarth Book Festival last week and is well worth a read for those who are interested in the history of Welsh devolution.

Last week, our First Minister, Carwyn Jones spoke at the Institute of Government in London and said: "... There is growing support for Wales to take greater control of its own affairs. In a nutshell, we don't want to undermine the ties of solidarity and citizenship that link us to the rest of the UK, but we want to be able to respond to the needs of Wales in line with our political values."

"I have to insist that we want and need to be able to do this within an overall financial settlement that is demonstrably fair to us and fair to the rest of the UK."

Words, which I think capture the current mood of the Welsh nation.

# Students awarded Nuffield bursaries

**ST CYRES students Safwan Iqbal, Ewan Salter and Martin Sharratt were among the 68 A-Level students awarded a Nuffield bursary this year out of 270 applicants.**

The students carried out original research over their summer holiday and then wrote up their findings before presenting them to an audience at Techniquet.

The audience included the Nobel Prize winner, Professor Sir Martin Evans, who pioneered research into stem cells. He even brought along his Nobel medal to the event.

Safwan was based at the Wales Heart Research Institute and carried out research into how neutrophil volume affects the number of

microbes that are able to phagocytose. This will help in our understanding of how the immune system fights pathogens.

Ewan carried out a range of techniques at the nephrology department of the Heath Hospital. He researched micro RNA and their potential as a biomarker for chronic kidney disease.

Martin was based at Cardiff University School of Biosciences and researched the distribution of dog parasites in the parks of south Wales, contributing to a national survey of the incidence of parasites.

The students were able to explain their findings to Sir Martin – a phenomenal achievement. Students in year-12 can apply for next year's Nuffield bursaries early in 2015. **SB**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Fun with books** per cent off all Julia Donaldson's books.  
ON Wednesday, October 29, 10am-3pm, Griffin Books in Penarth has fun and games for children, themed on Julia Donaldson's books – Barry, offers 'good company and including Room on the Broom, The Gruffalo and The Scarecrow's Wedding.

The Umpa Lumpa sweet shop in Windsor Arcade will be joining in the fun with specially-packaged sweet bags on the same theme. Refreshments will be available and there will be 20

**Autumn lunches** ALL Saints' Church, Park Road, offers 'good company and food' at the autumn lunches in the church hall, 12pm-1.30pm, on four successive Thursdays from November 6-27.

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# Consortium's bid to improve local schools

**THE Minister for Education, Huw Lewis has launched the Welsh Government's vision for education in Wales for the next six years – with an emphasis on self-improving school systems at its core.**

With 408 schools across the Central South region, covering Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan, already committed to the Central South Wales Challenge, his vision isn't far off.

Launched in January, the Central South Wales Challenge has created school improvement

groups (SIGs), made up of around 11 primary schools or seven secondary schools, which allow schools to identify strengths, and share and develop them across all the schools involved.

In addition to the creation of SIGs, the challenge has established a series of pathfinder relationships, consisting of a support school and a pathfinder school, which research has shown sees significant improvements in both schools.

Coun Christopher Elmore, Central South Consortium joint committee chair and the Vale Council's cabinet member for education, said: "The Central South Wales Challenge is designed to build capacity across

schools, so they can learn from each other and lead a self-improving school system. We are delighted by the uptake and engagement of schools in school improvement groups and pathfinders.

"Our aspiration is for all education authorities in the region to be among the top performing in Wales in absolute terms.

"Children in this region deserve no less and I am confident in the work that we are doing with schools, with the Consortium and with Welsh Government, that we can build upon our success this year and go on to raise expectations and deliver ever higher improvement across the region."



ABOVE: Dame Judi Dench with Jessica Simmonds of Goose Island.

## 'A' list stars are spotted!

**THERE was excitement in Cowbridge and the Vale last week as a number of 'A' list stars were spotted out and about.**

It all centred around south Wales' growing reputation as a centre for film and TV production, and it soon became apparent that Dame Judi Dench, Benedict Cumberbatch and Hugh Bonneville were all in the area.

The reason is the filming of the BBC's 'Hollow Crown' series – Shakespeare's history plays – where Cumberbatch has been confirmed as Richard III. Last week, Hugh Bonneville was filming

on Llantwit Major beach, while Benedict Cumberbatch was said to be filming scenes in St Donats Castle.

Dame Judi, however, was off duty and strolling around Cowbridge when she popped into the clothes shop Goose Island.

Jessica Simmonds of Goose Island told The GEM: "She spent 20 minutes looking around. We recognised her straight away.

"She was very complimentary about our stock, and particularly liked our Italian dresses, saying that her daughter would have liked them, as they were very much her style!"

"When I asked her for a photo she was really nice about it".

## Hospital 'spot checks' show good practice

**UNANNOUNCED spot checks to test standards of care in district general hospitals across Wales have found "no systemic issues of concern", a report has said.**

The independent team carrying out the checks on wards found numerous examples of good and notable practice which far outweighed a few, isolated examples where shortcomings in patient care were identified.

The spot checks will now be extended to look at the standard of care elderly patients receive on mental health wards in hospital settings.

Health and Social Services Minister Mark Drakeford ordered the spot checks to be carried out, as part of the Welsh Government's response to an independent review of care at the Princess of Wales and Neath Port

Talbot hospitals, by Professor June Andrews and Mark Butler.

The spot checks of adult inpatient wards at district general hospitals in Wales were carried out by an independent team of senior individuals, overseen by leading Scottish academic Prof Andrews, former NHS England strategic health authority chief executive Sir Ian Carruthers and Professor Phil Routledge, chair of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group.

They took place between June 15 and July 30 and focused on four areas raised in the Trusted to Care report: medicines management; hydration; the use of night-time sedation and continence care.

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## DAFYDD AND JORDAN ARE TOP DEBATERS!

Congratulations to Dafydd Foster-Davies and Jordan Stavrakis of year-12 at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg, who, following their success against Atlantic College, Cowbridge and other schools in the previous round, were the winners of the Vale of Glamorgan, Bridgend and Rhondda Cynon Taff round of the Welsh Schools debating competition.

The pair beat St John Baptist School in an unseen debate – 'This house believes that schools should actively promote a vegetarian diet'.

They will now compete in the Welsh quarter-final at Coleg Powys on November 18.



Pictured are Elena Morgan (English teacher at YGBM), Dafydd, Jordan and two of the competition judges.

## Penarth Pier is hailed as RICS project of the year

**PENARTH Pier Pavilion was announced as Project of the Year at the RICS Awards grand final at the Savoy Hotel in London last Friday.**

The awards celebrate the most inspirational and developments in land, property, construction and the environment. George Clarke, Channel 4's Restoration Man, hosted the event, which also saw category awards presented for building conservation, community benefit, design and innovation, and regeneration.

It was stated that Penarth Pier Pavilion is a fully restored Art Deco Pier Pavilion, refurbished by R&M Williams for Penarth Arts and Crafts Limited. It is a multi-functional building incorporating a gallery, cinema, cafe and restaurant that opened to the public in December 2013. The state of the art pavilion offers exciting exhibitions, films and a full events schedule, including live music and locally-sourced food and

drink that can be enjoyed by the general public.

RICS judges commented: "Penarth Pier Pavilion is an outstanding project which combines building conservation with community benefit."

Originally built in 1929, it fell into complete disrepair but had been carefully restored retaining the original features of the design. Its setting is unique. The new use retains the cinema and ballroom, to which have been added a gallery, cafe, and learning space which is at the heart of the educational activities.

The observatory (Room 617) is dedicated to Guy Gibson VC and is

a meeting place for victims of post-traumatic stress disorder.

RICS President, Louise Brooke-Smith, commented: "Penarth Pier Pavilion serves every part of the community, generates business, and restores civic pride. The RICS Awards pay tribute to the skills and expertise of professionals working across all sectors of the built environment."

"The standard set by the shortlisted projects was extremely high; each one is an example of how property professionals with inspirational schemes, large or small, can transform our lives, communities and environment."

## Daniela coins in the cash for Ty Hafan in her first triathlon

**WHEN Royal Mint employee Daniela Jones learnt to swim two years ago, little did she know that she would be competing in – and completing – the Pencoed Novice Triathlon just two years later, in aid of Ty Hafan, the family hospice for young lives at Sully.**

Spurred on by competition from two of her friends, Daniela, from North Cornelly, Bridgend, took part in the 400m swim, followed by a 17km circular cycle route, and finally a 3km run to complete her first ever triathlon, raising over £270 for the south Wales-based children's charity.

Daniela (41), had never been keen on learning to swim, but decided to do so as a role model for her two young boys. She soon found that she loved it – "I was hooked!" she said.

"I was so impressed with the invaluable work that Ty Hafan carries out in support of children and their families that I wanted to do something to contribute."

"I found that I was able to fit my training around my normal life, swimming twice a week, running twice a

week and on the weekend I'd go for a bike ride."

It turned out to be a tougher test than expected for Daniela, who not only faced the challenge of the triathlon itself, but had to contend with a bicycle breakdown two kilometres in to the cycling leg of the race, meaning that she had to complete the circuit using only one gear which slowed her down considerably.

Undeterred, Daniela finished the experience in high spirits, saying: "I'll try again next year with a new bike and a better attitude!" Ty Hafan, which celebrates its 15th anniversary this year, provides comfort, care and support to life-limited children and their families throughout Wales.

The charity takes its support right into the family home and is there to help families through every step of their unimaginable journey.

Employees from The Royal Mint in Llantrisant chose to champion Ty Hafan as their 'Charity of the Year' after hearing about the work of the children's hospice.

They will have the opportunity to support the charity as volunteers through The Royal Mint's 'Give a Day' corporate community day scheme, or take part in Ty Hafan's

planned fundraising events. Wendy Collie, business and community fundraiser for Ty Hafan, said: "We're delighted that The Royal Mint employees have been so enthusiastic in supporting the Ty Hafan cause with this partnership."

"It's a great opportunity for them to gain an insight into the support, comfort and care we offer families at Ty Hafan."



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### IN BRIEF

**THE Dinas Powys branch of the RNLI is holding its annual 'Breakfast Roll' on November 1 at the Lee Hall, from 8.30am-11.30am.**

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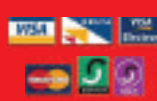
**Tickets available on 029 2051 3515 from the Parish Hall or at the door. RNLI cards, calendars and gifts on sale and there will also be a raffle.**

**Autumn fair THERE will be an autumn fair on Saturday, November 1 in aid of Cancer Research UK, at 10.15am; admission £1.**

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# TAKING THE GEM INTO THE HEART OF NUMBER TEN..!

**A NEW address – slightly outside our circulation area – was added to The GEM's delivery round last week.**

Your best read local newspaper was hand delivered to Number 10, Downing Street, by GEM general manager Caroline Attya and Vale MP Alun Cairns at a reception held by David Cameron.

The Prime Minister received his own copy of The GEM, hot off the press, to catch up with issues in the Vale of Glamorgan and Bridgend. The GEM editions were also hand delivered to Number 11, Downing Street.

The reception was hosted by Prime Minister David Cameron for representatives of local newspapers around the UK.

He spoke of the important role that such

newspapers play in local politics, as a means of highlighting the concerns of ordinary people and holding elected representatives to account.

Caroline Attya said: "Mr Cameron had plenty to say about local newspapers – and he was very amusing too."

"As Prime Minister, he obviously has to move quickly from one style of speech to another."

"I think the previous reception required him to address the Yorkshire Cricket team who recently won the county championship!"

Mr Cairns said: "The Prime Minister was delighted to receive his copy of The GEM. He spoke of his support and interest in local newspapers in the Vale, and praised the wide range of topics covered in the newspaper."



Alun Cairns and Caroline Attya pictured at the Downing Street reception.

## Street lights set to go out across the Vale

by PHILIP IRWIN

**MORE than two-thirds of the Vale's street lights are to be switched off from midnight to 6am in a bid to save £1 million over the next three years.**

This policy will not, at present, apply to LED street lights – which are much more energy-efficient.

However, the Vale Council's figures say that less than a third of the Vale's street lights are LED. The figure is expected to rise to "almost a third" by the end of the financial year.

A council spokesman also pointed to savings in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as a plus point to the plan.

The proposal to introduce part-night lighting and reduce energy consumption was agreed by the council's cabinet on Monday, October 20, and will see the hours that street lights are lit changed to between dusk and midnight, and again from 6am until dawn.

In a statement, the council said that the total energy costs for the last financial year amounted to just over £900,000, including all street lights, road furniture, and traffic signals.

The existing LED lighting programme, and the new part-night lighting, will reduce this by over a third, with estimated savings of £370,000 a year.

It will also reduce the council's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 1,338 tonnes, making a "vast contribution" to the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme introduced in 2014.

Main road lighting will be subject to a risk assessment to determine whether they remain lit all night or are

converted to part night lighting. Lighting in areas of high night time activity, such as town centres and busy junctions and areas of CCTV operation, will remain unchanged.

Coun Rob Curtis, the Vale Council cabinet member for the environment, said: "Not only will the use of LED technology and part-night lighting help

to save a significant amount of money over the next few years, which is essential, it will also have huge environmental benefits for the area.

"We would like to reassure those who may be worried about part-night lighting that we will be having detailed discussions with our emergency service partners to ensure all risk assessments are vigorous and comprehensive, to ensure that all areas remain safe."

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# '71 is a brutal, uncompromising effort...

**F**OR anyone who saw the brutal prison drama *Starred Up* earlier this year, lead actor Jack O'Connell was easily the stand-out performer, the former *Skins* actor showing a screen presence and ferocity that was palpable.

He is soon to be seen under the direction of Angelina Jolie in *Unbroken*, but first O'Connell stars in '71. Set in the titular year in powder keg Belfast, O'Connell plays Hook, a British soldier sent in with his troop to

support local police. When a riot takes place he is separated from the rest of his party, and must struggle his way through danger in order to survive and get out of there...

The synopsis of '71 could easily play out as a glorified Hollywood blockbuster, the 'man-left-behind' plot hardly the most original of stories. Yet under the auspice of director Yann Demange, and featuring another incendiary turn from Jack O'Connell, '71 is a brutal, taut piece of film making, set against a backdrop of political and national turmoil, which grants it a little more depth.

Meeting Hook at the

start, he isn't your usual soldier eager for battle; with his brother in a care home for boys, he's one of life's unlucky ones, driven to sign up less by patriotic fervour than by the chance to forge a career which will benefit him and his brother.

Demange and writer Gregory Burke aren't all that interested in sharp defined characterisation; this is less a study of a man's duties against his personal welfare, or an attempt to address the Protestant/Catholic divide; it's more a snapshot of life in Belfast at that time, seen through the eyes not just of the British soldiers being sent there, but also the locals involved, willingly or not, with the conflict.

There's no attempt to provide answers or reasoning to the events, you are simply allowed to invest in the characters and their situation, and the loose sketching works to its advantage here, the narrative informing the characters as much as



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the performances.

Demange's direction is thoughtful yet incredibly visceral; the scenes of riots and the ensuing action that takes place shot intimately, making it all the more powerful and jarring. Shooting with an economy, Demange's style is subtle and yet brutal, the violence feeling like the everyday event that it was.

One standout sequence, which sees Hook separated from his troop, is Paul

Greengrass-like in its immediacy, as Hook is chased by a group intent on killing him; using close-ups, cameras mounted on the actors and handheld footage, it's a horrifically stylish set-piece from the director.

There are classical elements at play, with the likes of *Assault On Precinct 13* a touchstone for Demange in terms of visual tone as well as its soundtrack, which is sparse and tension-building, with the film having the hallmarks of a western, the black hats and white hats replaced by berets and dodgy 1970s haircuts.

Working with his cast, he draws out strong performances across the board, with Jack O'Connell a tremendous lead.

It's a performance of physicality, much like his turn in *Starred Up*, but here there is less front and more soul-searching, as events unfold and Hook realises that the odds are against him. Sur's performance that allows O'Connell to show vulnerability and it's hugely watchable.

The film rests squarely on his shoulders, but alongside are some wonderful turns. Sean Harris excels at quiet psychopaths, and he's at

home here as an undercover officer whose tactics are resolutely off the books, while Killian Scott as a key figurehead hoping to make a name for himself is

uncompromising, and Barry Keoghan's Sean provides a tease of redemption, torn between fitting in or doing the right thing.

If there's any criticism of '71 it's only in the fact that the story doesn't really take you anywhere unexpected; if you're versed in these survival stories you can probably see the beats coming, while the villains of the piece are little too broad. These quibbles aside, '71 is a superbly tense effort.

**VERDICT** - A further star-making turn from Jack O'Connell anchors an impressive piece of work in '71. Its 'man left behind' plot may not surprise; but Yann Demange's superb direction delivers the tension and brutality that will draw you in.

Not an easy watch, but well worth investigating further. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Assault on Precinct 13* (1976), *Saving Private Ryan* (1998).



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## Autumn fayre in Penarth

ON Saturday, October 25, The Children's Society's autumn fayre takes place in The Paget Rooms, Penarth, 10am-12noon.

There will be varied stalls - homemade cakes and preserves, plants and bulbs, books, gifts and

Christmas cards, mystery parcels and raffle. Admission £1, including coffee/tea/biscuits. Children free entrance and drink.

For further information, call Ann Lush on 029 2070 3547.

## Llangynwyd winter fayre and AGM

LLANGYNWYD Community Association will be holding its winter fayre in Llangynwyd village hall on Saturday, November 22, at 2pm.

Stalls include tombola, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations, home produce, Girl Guides. Father Christmas is paying a visit and all proceeds go to Llangynwyd Association for the running and upkeep of the village hall.

The annual general meeting of the community association will be held at the village hall on Wednesday, November 19, to commence at 7pm sharp.

All are welcome to see how the hall has developed into a popular meeting place for clubs.

## Lady golfers' anniversary

VALE Lady Golfers (formerly known as Vale

Lady Farmers Golf) are celebrating their 25th anniversary with a lunch on Thursday, November 27, at the home of president Mrs Linda Bird.

A spokeswoman said: "We would be pleased to welcome all past members and those wishing to attend should please contact Mrs Bird on 02920 593804 or Mrs Marion Lewis on 01443 231790 as soon as possible."

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collecting natural items washed up - from shark eggs to seaweeds.

The Beach Strandline Safari on October 29 will meet at the Forest Lodge at 10.45am. The bird bonanza will meet on Thursday, October 30, also at 10.45am, in the rangers' office.

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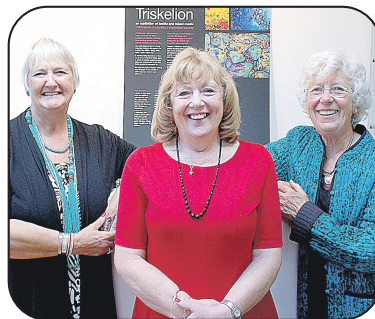
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## ARTISTS LINK UP

**THREE** artists from the Vale have joined together to launch a series of exhibitions which combines each artist's work to form a unique multi-disciplined display.

Triskelion, was formed by Pat Johnson from Colwinston, John Hughes from Southerndown and Tricia Mears from Llantwit Major.

Each artist produces work in a different medium including fabric, paintings on silk, felt products along with more



traditional painting. A number of further The group's first exhibitions are planned exhibition is being held including an exhibition at Rhondda Heritage in June 2015 at St Centre and continues Donats. until November 7.

## Ty Hafan lottery draw

**THE** following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number D849.

● £2,000: 407434.

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For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

## Llewelyn (15) lands a Lord of the Flies role

**A** 15-year-old schoolboy from Wick beat off competition to win a role in a groundbreaking theatre production of *Lord of the Flies*.

Llewelyn Brown (right) is now performing alongside professional dancers in Matthew Bourne's 'New Adventures' production at the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff, which opened yesterday and runs until Saturday (October 25).

He was selected to perform after taking part in workshops and auditions. More than 400 boys attended pre-audition workshops over the summer, followed by invited auditions held in Cardiff.

Llewelyn commented: "I was practically speechless when I was told I had been chosen to be part of the cast - it's an amazing feeling and I can't wait to get started, though I still can't quite believe it. I know it's going to be hard work but being part of *Lord of the Flies* will be

unforgettable." A student at Stagecoach Theatre Arts in Bridgend for 11 years, Llewelyn attends weekly drama, dance and singing classes. He attends the Moya Vahey School of Russian Ballet in Cowbridge, and is an associate member of the National Dance Company of Wales.



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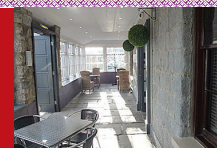
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## BARRY RFC - A FOCAL POINT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



Barry RFC squad 2014/2015

**B**ARRY Rugby Football Club is justly proud of its 127 year reputation as a community asset of the town and is open to everyone.

At its home high above the town with panoramic views of the the Bristol Channel the senior teams hold their league matches; hundreds of youngsters learn the game on Sunday mornings, and throughout the week the facilities are available for local people and organisations to use. Local residents can become social members at the club for £10 a year allowing them to use the club and watch Sky TV.

Jon Venners, who started as a youth player in the 1970s, said: "The club has 400 registered players. There are 'minis', juniors, youth players, three senior sides, and a ladies team, the Bombettes, which is ranked in the top five in Wales."

"The age range at the club is from six years old to veterans."

"On Sunday mornings we have around 240 people here - kids, mums and dads all encouraging

the youngsters."

Jon said that whether in Barry or further afield rugby union becomes a way of life for those that join a club.

"It gives a person discipline, the chance to meet people make friends and have a great social life."

Barry RFC has made huge strides in the quality of its facilities and is keen that local people should benefit.

"We are a community club open to anyone - whether it's for a MIND group, PACT group, or slimming organisation."

"The club is also available to be used for family events such as birthday celebrations, parties, engagements and funeral wakes."

"There is a friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the club," Jon stressed.

There have been big changes in recent times: a floodlit training area developed with help from the WRU, a new lounge with work done at a reduced cost by local building company Pinit, an outdoor terrace and a play area for younger children.

People enjoy watching Sky Sports at the clubhouse, playing skittles and pool.

The club is particularly keen to see more use of facilities by local people whether for charitable events or any other.

Taking up the theme, first team manager Stuart Lock, who is also fixture secretary, and has been associated with Barry RFC for 27 years, explained: "We are proud of the role we play in the community and the opportunities we provide."

"The minis and juniors' section doesn't just teach rugby skills, it develops life skills such as teamwork, discipline and leadership."

Stuart said that if there are parents who have youngsters aged six and over who would like to get involved in rugby, the club would be delighted to welcome them on Sunday mornings at 9.30am

where they would be guided and encouraged by qualified coaches.

"It is pleasing to see those who started as youngsters at six years old develop one day into today's senior players."

"There are not that many clubs that can boast such a strong mini, junior and youth section, three senior men's teams, a ladies' team and a veterans' team!"

The coaching staff has recently been strengthened at senior level with Liam Scott, former Barry player Rhidian Scott, and head coach former Pontypridd, Sale, Gwent Dragons RFC and Wales' centre Jon Bryant, taking the reins. The club plays in Division 3 Central A, but is focussed on climbing the league ladder.

Stuart said that the ethos of training has changed and Jon is very determined to bring through players with the potential to play in the first team.

Jon Bryant emphasised he was very enthusiastic about the playing future of the club and its ambitions for progression.

"I think the club has got great foundations in place. There is fantastic work going on in the junior and youth sections."

"Younger players are getting chances in the first team and only two of the current players are over 30."

"A couple of youth and second team players have responded well when they've been given an opportunity at first team level."

"The average age of the squad is young and there is the potential for them to be together for a long time."

"The way things are developing bodes well for the future."

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Karen Treweek and Richard Cook of sponsor Ewe Move with Jon Bryant.

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The clubhouse has this great new children's play area.



Barry RFC Vets team successfully defended their European title in Beauvais Veterans' Tournament 2014 – a third consecutive triumph, left to right, Jeffrey Williams, Charlie Chucas, Paul Haley and Clive Thomas.

### A message from Barry Rugby Club's chairman

ON behalf of Barry Rugby Club, I would like to extend a warm welcome to everybody attending Barry's matches.



May I also take this opportunity to congratulate all the players, coaches and everyone behind the scenes, who work so hard to make a club a success.

A lot has taken place at Barry Rugby Club in recent seasons and it would not have been possible without the financial help of our patrons and sponsors, so may I take this opportunity to thank them all for their continued support.

As a club we wish to say a big 'thank you' to the Welsh Rugby Union Charitable Trust for the grant money awarded to Barry RFC.

GARY HAIGH  
(Club chairman)

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The club recognises the contribution made by both its patrons and members over many years, who together with committed, supportive sponsors have been vital in progress made by the club – Karen Treweek and Richard Cook of Ewe Move; Lyndon

Smith of LDS Motor Factors; Ken Chow of Bridge2Aid; Julian Davies, who started his rugby at youth level with Barry and captained London Welsh, of Sears Davies Ltd; Gary Watson of Gary Watson Motors and Tony Mobey of Lyndon Scaffolding.

The people who make the club tick – those that get up early to organise training, or to prepare the pitches, or spend time coaching the youngsters – don't do it for financial reward, their aim is to put something back into the local community.

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The GEM-sponsored Bombettes are one of the top five teams in Welsh rugby.

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Barry Rugby Club has forged a proud tradition over 127 years, but is not letting 'the grass grow under its feet'.

The dream is for the club to have a two-tier club building in the future and to progress through the leagues.

Full club membership is just £30 a year – and you can have all the social benefits, the camaraderie that the rugby world offers, and be part of the club's

long-term journey.

For further enquiries, please contact the following: club secretary Colin Ham (deanneham@ntlworld.com), membership secretary Colin William Knapman (colin.knapman@ntlworld.com) and for advertising and sponsorship packages please contact sponsorship co-ordinator Jon Venners (jonathanvenners@yahoo.com).

## Family pledge wildlife work will go on Griff was 'a legend in modern day falconry'

by TIM CHAPMAN

'A legend in modern day falconry' – that's how the family of Ceri John Griffiths, affectionately known as 'Griff', will always remember him.

Griff (71) died following a tragic accident while a tree was being felled at the Welsh Hawking Centre on the outskirts of Barry.

His stepson Jamie, the centre manager, said that he and his younger brother, Griff junior, were determined to continue Griff senior's lifetime work.

Jamie told The GEM: "Griff founded the Welsh Hawking Centre when he took over the old Cardiff Zoo.

"He took on all the animals at the time, too, but his passion was always birds of prey and he became a legend in falconry. Griff was 71 and had flown birds for 55 years! He started out as a teacher and in every facet of life he was an educator – whether it was teaching nursery age children or

people drawing their pensions."

The Welsh Hawking Centre has its own education centre.

Jamie said: "It proved a real hit with schools who came. There was a real thrill for people when Griff was imparting his knowledge to visitors – he enjoyed the reaction."

"I and my brother Griff junior will continue Griff's legacy and to strive for what he wanted."

Griff was a pioneer in breeding birds of prey using artificial insemination and helped to set up programmes abroad.

He was also a tireless worker in the local community serving as president of the local Rotary Club.

Jamie added: "We will always remember Griff for his massive contribution to wildlife and conservation work."

Griff's funeral will take place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium on Wednesday, October 29 at 2.15pm. Mourners are invited to Wenvoe Castle and Golf Club after the service.



**Ceri John Griffiths, known to all his friends as 'Griff', was a world class expert in falconry and is shown with a white gyrfalcon**

## 'Bailey and me...' One man and his dog boost charity cause

A Cowbridge man and his dog have helped to raise

£225 for the Alzheimer's Society, by completing the Memory Walk.

Simon Wales told The GEM: "I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and Bailey, and I'm delighted to let you know that we completed the walk and with your support raised £225 for the Alzheimer's Society,

beating the target of £200.

"Thank you to my friends and neighbours, work colleagues and residents of Cowbridge, including five local business companies.

"In no particular order, they are: Julie of 'Beehive', Simon of 'Simon's Cycles', Tesco Express, Darren and Paul of 'Select Convenience Store' and Nia of 'Caffi Nia' who unfortunately has left Cowbridge. Here's to 2015!"

## Local law firm receives national commendation



ABOVE: Alexandra Jenkins and Victoria Pearce.

**LOCAL law firm Newbold Solicitors have been awarded 'The Modern Law Award Highly Commended Law Firm of the Year'.**

The event was held in The Hilton Park Lane in London. Newbold faced tough competition against the UK's leading law firms, so it represented a huge achievement.

A spokesman said: "Our firm has grown so much over the past four years of trading, our revenue has increased by an astonishing 600 per cent. We now employ almost 40 local staff over four branch offices and are now able to serve clients from Cwmbran to Swansea."

Newbold's believe their success is due to employing the right staff, investing in new technology and research material.

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Newbold know that it can be difficult for local people to trust a new firm when they may have been instructing the same firm for 30 years. They may not even recognise the firm and fail to realise just how large Newbold's has become.

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"Newbold are pleased to announce two new team members to expand their busy Barry branch office, Torri and Alex (pictured above). Both have joined us from large conveyancing firms and they have an excellent reputation for providing the very best in client care," the spokesman concluded.

## Stained glass course in Sully



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## Vale Brass band's birthday concert

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The band, sponsored by Dinas Powys uniform outfitters 'A Class Apart' and 'CJ Contract Travel Services Ltd' of Barry, will include show songs, traditional brass band arrangements and marches. A special guest is euphonium soloist Robert Burnett.

"I started my musical journey playing bass drum in the Salvation Army, and at the age of 10, I was given a euphonium by my dad, who was the Junior Bandleader, and told to 'just get on with it,'" he recalled.

"I played with the Salvation Army Band until aged 18 and tried to give up playing, but my mum would have none of it and she pushed me into joining another band."

Robert went on to play solo euphonium with many of Wales' top bands, including Cory Tredegar and Parc & Dare, playing at venues throughout the UK and in Europe. He is now retired from top level banding and was a founder member of the 'Vintage Cory Band'.

"I spent some time living in France where I was 'forced' to come out of 'playing retirement' to play for two French bands. Although I am now living back in Wales where I have joined the Mid Rhondda Band as solo euphonium, where lots of my old Cory pals play, I am also enjoying the less competitive atmosphere of lower section banding."

The Vale of Glamorgan Band has already worked with Robert in the last few months, when he helped preparations for their appearance at the National Eisteddfod in Llanelli, where they achieved a very creditable fourth place. He also conducted the band at their last concert at Ffnon Castle in September.

The band has been fortunate in this anniversary year to play alongside some very talented local musicians, including the Porthcawl Male Choir, cornet soloist, Robert Westacott and singer, Patsy Hunt.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets priced £5, available at the door from 6.45pm or reserve them in advance on 07917 796841. PM

## Hog roast raises funds



THE Vale Mayor, Coun Howard Hamilton and Mayoress Carol Hamilton supported the Wales Air Ambulance Service hog roast fundraising evening at St Athan Community Centre.

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## Survivor's testimony 'powerful reminder of Nazi horror camps'

# Pupils learn about the Holocaust at first hand



*Holocaust survivor Joan Salter with Llantwit Major School pupils.*

ON Monday, October 20, 130 year-8 students from Llantwit Major Comprehensive School heard testimony from Holocaust survivor, Joan Salter, as part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust (HET).

The testimony was followed by a question and answer session, which enabled students to better understand the nature of the Holocaust and to explore its lessons in more depth.

The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's extensive all-year-round outreach

programme, which is available to schools across the UK.

Headteacher Dr Browne said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Joan Salter to our school and her testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced."

"We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit and we hope that by hearing Joan's testimony, it has encouraged our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Karen Pollock, chief executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust added: "The Holocaust

Educational Trust educates and engages students from across the UK, from all communities about the Holocaust and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor.

"Joan's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances and by hearing her testimony, students will have the opportunity to learn where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead."

"At the trust, we impart the history of the Holocaust to young people, to ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost, and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

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## About Homes4U and what we do...

### What is the Homes4U scheme?

Homes4U is the way that the Vale of Glamorgan Council advertises and allocates **social housing** available in the Vale. Homes4U is a 'common housing waiting list' run in partnership with the four Housing Associations operating in the area.

The aim of Homes4U is to provide affordable housing for rent to households and individuals in 'housing need'. For example, people who are unable to access housing which is **suitable** and that they can **afford** on the open market, by renting privately or buying a home. Tenants already living in social housing can also be members of Homes4U if they need to transfer to another property.

Homes4U is a choice-based lettings system, meaning that people are able to choose the property they apply to live in.

### What do you mean by choice based lettings?

Choice-based lettings allow tenants and prospective tenants to bid for the properties they are interested in, rather than simply being allocated a property.

The system gives applicants **greater control** over the lettings process by giving them a **choice** of accommodation and the opportunity to express a preference of where it is they want to live. This is good for communities, as applicants will only bid for homes in the areas they wish to live in, which is often where they have a connection to, e.g. where they currently live, work or have family.

### What is a common housing register?

A common housing register is **one waiting list** for everyone waiting for accommodation in the Vale. The Council manages Homes4U on behalf of the Housing Associations, so social rented properties, whether they are owned by the Council or a Housing Association are advertised and allocated in the same way.

Members of Homes4U can bid on homes available from the Council, Hafod, Newydd, United Welsh and Wales and West Housing Associations. There is only one form to fill in and no need to register with each organisation separately.

### Who is eligible for Homes4U?

Membership of Homes4U is open to anyone, aged 16 or over, who is seeking rented accommodation in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Homes4U uses a system of priority bands; those in the greatest need of housing will be awarded a Gold priority, with this reducing to Silver and Bronze priority bands for those with less urgent housing need.

Households with the highest level of priority are those who are homeless, have a medical priority, are overcrowded, under-occupying or living in a home where there are significant hazards to health.

### What about people living in rural communities?

The Council recognises there are specific difficulties associated with accessing housing in the rural Vale, for example; the cost of private renting, being able to find a suitable adapted property or leaving tied accommodation.

Housing issues in the rural Vale are often hidden, as people find their own solutions or may not be aware that they can join Homes4U.

**"Homes4U is the scheme which allocates all social rented homes owned and managed by the Council and Housing Associations in the Vale"**

In response to this, **Local Lettings Policies** are applied to new rural housing developments. This means that people with a local connection to a rural town or village are prioritised, whichever band they are in.

The Council also has a **Rural Housing Enabler** who is able to provide housing advice to people in rural communities.

### How are properties advertised?

All available properties are advertised every fortnight. The adverts open on a Thursday and closes the following Wednesday.

Adverts are placed in local newspapers (Barry and District, Penarth Times and The Gem), in the Civic Office in Barry and on the Councils website. You can also sign up for the Councils e-news to receive the advert.

Following the closure of the advert a shortlist of bidders will be drawn up and the applicant in the highest priority will be offered the property. If they do not want to accept the property it will be offered to the next highest bidder and so on.

## Contact homes4u

**Phone...** Homes4U Hotline (01446) 709840

**Online...** [www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/homes4u](http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/homes4u)

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### How does a Homes4U member express an interest in a property?

Individuals who have applied to Homes4U will have a membership card and number. When the advert opens, Homes4U members bid for the homes they are interested in. Bidding can be done through various methods such as phone, fax, via the web-site and by text.

### How do I become a Homes4U member?

You will need to register with Homes4U by filling in an application form, either a paper copy or online. A Homes4U Officer is also available to help you complete the form if you need some assistance.



## World Mental Health Day at library



**FREE TAX ADVICE**  
AGE CONNECT Cardiff and Vale, is holding a free tax advice surgery at the Senior Health Shop, Holton Road, Barry, on Monday, October 27, from 9.30am-11.30am.

No appointment is needed to see retired professional tax advisers. Contact 01446 732385 for further information. Home visits can be arranged.

**TAXHELP for Older People** holds free advice surgeries at Llantrisant Library, Pencoed Library and the Barry Age Cymru office.

To book an appointment, or to use the telephone helpline, call 0845 6013321.

**WORLD Mental Health Day** was marked at Barry Library (above), with support, information and advice available from *Mind in the Vale*, Nexus and the PCSO and Police Volunteer Lisa Mathews.

Jane Huft AM for the Vale, spoke on the importance of raising awareness about mental health issues and needs and working together to tackle stigma and fear.

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**LINDA FEAGAN,**  
Supporter Relations Officer,  
Dogs Trust Bridgend



## Animal cruelty on agenda

THE Vale Council is organising a free seminar on putting an end to animal cruelty and wildlife crime on Thursday, October 30 from 5.45pm-8pm at the council chamber, Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry.

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## Poets on an open mic

A **POETRY** reading and open mic opportunity for aspiring amateur poets was held at The Village Hall, Ewenny on Friday, October 17, when all proceeds were for repairs to Ewenny Priory Church.

Local poets Robert Minihinnick and Kristian Evans began the evening with readings and reminiscences of Ewenny and surrounding area. It was also an opportunity to pay tribute in verse to

Ogmore poet Dannie Abse, who recently died aged 91.

An open mic session provided an opportunity for up-coming poets to air their material.

The success of this event demonstrated the creative talent in the Vale, and highlighted a demand for further such opportunities.

Anyone interested in arts events should visit: Ewenny Arts Festival website, and facebook page, as well as Sustainable Wales, Porthcawl. AF



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WINTER IS APPROACHING...

## So now is the time to get your vehicle serviced

**W**inter driving is all about proper preparation and ROSPA – the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents – emphasises that you and your car should be well prepared for journeys in the poor weather we are likely to get in the months ahead.

A spokesman pointed out: "Driving in the winter is very different from at other times of the year.

"Poor weather and longer periods of darkness, especially after the clocks go back at the end of October, makes driving more hazardous.

"Sometimes conditions can be extreme – in recent years we have experienced extremes of flooding.

"This means that we need to

adapt the way we drive. Different weather conditions create different hazards throughout the winter and in different areas of the country at different times.

"A single journey may take us into very different weather, road and traffic conditions, so we need to be prepared for each one."

He stressed that responsible motorists made sure they had a proper service before the start of winter and ensured the vehicle had sufficient anti-freeze.

What are the main things you need to have checked before the onset of adverse weather conditions?

**You should ensure that:**

Lights are clean and working.

The battery is fully charged.

Windscreens, wiper blades and other windows are clean and the washer bottle filled with screen wash.

The condition of tyres needs to be good, the tread depth and

pressure need to meet legal requirements (and that includes the spare!).

Brakes need to work well.

Fluids should be kept topped up, especially windscreen wash (to the correct concentration to prevent it freezing), and also anti-freeze and oil.

**PREPARE YOUR JOURNEY**

The spokesman said that if a motorist was undertaking a long journey, being prepared was essential.

"Listen to local or national weather broadcasts and travel bulletins – especially for the areas you will be driving through.

"As conditions can change rapidly, check them regularly and be prepared to change your plans if conditions on your route worsen."

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The spokesman continued: "If conditions are very bad, and the emergency services are recommending that people don't travel, then avoid making your journey unless it is absolutely necessary."

"Can you postpone your trip? Can you travel by other means, or avoid the need for the journey completely by using the phone or email?"

"Of course, what's 'essential' to one person may not be to another; we each have to make our own decisions according to our circumstances."

"But, try to be realistic about which journeys are essential and which ones could be postponed."

**If you decide you really must travel:**

- Let someone know where you are going and what time you hope to arrive, so that they can raise the alarm if you get into difficulties.

- Make sure you plan alternative routes in case your main choice of

route becomes impassable.

- Keep your fuel tank near to full to ensure that you do not run out.

- Make sure you have a fully-charged mobile phone, so you can call for help or alert someone if you're delayed – it could be a long walk to a phone, if you don't have a mobile phone.

- If you don't have an emergency kit in your vehicle, at least take extra warm clothes, boots and a torch. Consider keeping a couple of long-life energy bars in the glove box.

- Clear your windows and mirrors completely of snow and ice before you set off (make sure the heater is blowing warm air before setting off – it will keep your windscreen clear.)

### Prepare yourself

The ROSPA spokesman said most people have little experience of driving in extreme conditions, such as snow, so the organisation advised

people to take some time to consider how it affects their driving.

He urged: "Don't just drive as normal. When was the last time you had any driver assessment or training? This is an ideal time for some refresher training. If your employer provides driver training, take advantage of it."

"Or you can contact the RoSPA Advanced Drivers and Riders Group in your area. To find out which is the nearest to you, go to [www.roadar.org](http://www.roadar.org)."

"A lot of us will catch colds or other illnesses during the winter."

"If you're feeling so ill that your driving might be affected, don't take the chance of driving."

### DRIVING IN ICE OR SNOW

If you find yourself driving in snow, or on icy or snow covered roads, ROSPA says you must adapt your driving to the conditions.

The spokesman advised: "Reduce your speed. The chances of skidding are much

greater and your stopping distance will increase massively."

"Only travel at a speed at which you can stop within the distance you can see to be clear."

"Speed limits are the maximum in ideal conditions; in difficult conditions, they can often be too fast."

"Avoid harsh braking and acceleration, or sharp steering."

"Always reduce your speed smoothly and in plenty of time on slippery surfaces."

"Slow down in plenty of time before bends and corners."

"Braking on an icy or snow-covered bend is extremely dangerous. The centrifugal force will continue to pull you outwards and the wheels will not grip very well. This could cause your vehicle to spin."

"To brake on ice and snow without locking your wheels, get into a low gear earlier than normal, allow your speed to fall, and use your brakes gently."

"Increase the gap

between you and the vehicle in front. You may need up to TEN TIMES the normal distance for braking."

"Keep your vehicle well-ventilated. The car heater turned up full can quickly make you drowsy."

"In snow, stop frequently to clean the windows, wheel arches, lights and number plates."

"Visibility will probably be reduced, so use dipped headlights."

"During wintry weather, road surfaces are often wet and/or covered in frost and ice or snow. But this does not occur uniformly."

"A road will often have isolated patches of frost or ice after most of the road has thawed – this commonly occurs under bridges."

*Getting stuck in snow is a motorist's worst nightmare, so what should you do?*

The spokesman said: "If you get stuck in snow revving your engine to try to power out of the rut will just make the rut worse."

"Instead, move your vehicle slowly backwards and forwards out of the rut using the highest gear you can."

"If this doesn't work, you may have to ask a friendly passer-by for a push or get your shovel out."

The spokesman continued: "If you get caught in a snow drift, don't leave your vehicle."

Call your breakdown service or the emergency services and let help come to you."

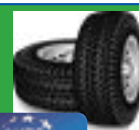
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### Weather conditions that can make your journey difficult

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RAIN  
Rain reduces a

motorist's vision and greatly increases the distance required to slow down and stop.

The spokesman said: "Remember that you will need about twice your normal braking

distance.

"Use windscreen wipers, washers and dipped headlights; drive smoothly, and plan your moves in plenty of time.

The spokesman added: "Aquaplaning is caused by driving too fast into surface water. When the tyre tread cannot channel away enough water, the tyres lose contact with the road and your car will float on a wedge of water.

"Aquaplaning can be avoided by reducing speed in wet conditions.

"Having the correct tyre pressure and tyre tread depth will maximise your tyres' ability to maintain their road grip.

"If it happens, ease off the accelerator and brakes until your speed drops sufficiently for the car tyres to make contact with the road again."

#### FLOODED ROADS

How should you tackle roads where flooding has taken

place?

The top tips are:

Avoid the deepest water – which is usually near the kerb.

Don't attempt to cross if the water seems too deep.

If you are not sure of the water's depth, look for an alternative route.

If you decide to risk it, drive slowly in first gear but keep the engine speed high by slipping the clutch – this will stop you from stalling.

Be aware of the 'bow wave' from approaching vehicles – operate an informal 'give way' with approaching vehicles.

Remember to test your brakes when you are through the flood.

#### FOG

Avoid driving in fog, unless your journey is absolutely necessary.

Fog is one of the most dangerous weather conditions.

An accident involving one vehicle can quickly involve many others, especially if they are driving too close to one another.

See page 28 for the best ways to avoid a breakdown when the cold weather hits!

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Here is the AA's general advice for safe and trouble-free driving through the cold, dark months that lie ahead...

Lights, heaters and wipers put high demands on the car battery. If your driving is mainly dark, rush-hour trips, the battery will give out eventually.

Batteries rarely last longer than five years. Replacing one near the end of its life can save a lot of time and inconvenience at the side of the road.

Avoid running electrical systems any longer than necessary – turn the heater fan down and switch the heated rear window off once windows are clear.

If the car stands idle for most of the weekend, a regular overnight trickle charge is a good idea to give the battery a chance to revive.

Turn off non-essential electrical loads like lights, rear screen heater and wipers before trying to start the engine.

A squealing noise as soon as the engine is started is a sign the water pump is frozen – it's the fan belt slipping on the pulley.

The cylinder block could be frozen, too.

Stop the engine immediately and allow it to thaw out. This may take several days, unless the car can be moved to a heated garage.

If the car begins to overheat a few miles from home, it's likely that the radiator has frozen, preventing coolant from circulating. Stop straightaway, to avoid serious damage and allow the radiator to thaw.

Antifreeze costs only a few pounds, but a frozen and cracked engine block will cost hundreds of pounds to repair.

Most modern cars use long-life antifreeze – it's important to use the right type and avoid mixing different types. Check the handbook or ask a dealer for advice.

Glycol-based antifreeze should be changed at least every two years.

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# WEST END BARRY'S CHARITY FASHION SHOW FOR LAYLA-MAE PROVES A HIT!



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A charity fashion show to support six-year-old Layla-mae Cummings, who had a brain tumour removed recently at Great Ormond Street Hospital, raised nearly £1,400.

Layla-mae is the daughter of Claire and Gareth Cummings and the grand-daughter of Bob Armstrong of Dr Bob Balloons Unlimited in High Street.

The evening was organised by Jane James of Jade Boutique and Kathy and Ron Buckeridge of Scarlets Wine Bar.

Bob told The GEM: "As a family we were overwhelmed that Jane and Kath organised the event and at everyone's generosity."

"At first the models were a little nervous, but they got into the swing of things and there was a great atmosphere."

To top things off, Paul Adamson of The Jam Fund made another substantial donation on top of the £1,400 from the evening.

Bob said: "Paul donated £1,000 which was so generous of him."

Jane James of Jade Boutique, who was the inspiration behind the evening, explained: "We've raised nearly £1,400 and just wanted to support Layla-mae, Claire, Gareth and the family."

"Our thanks also go to all the local businesses who donated raffle prizes, the people who attended on the night, and the models and 'dressers' who put on the show."



IMAGE by GEMMA JAMES

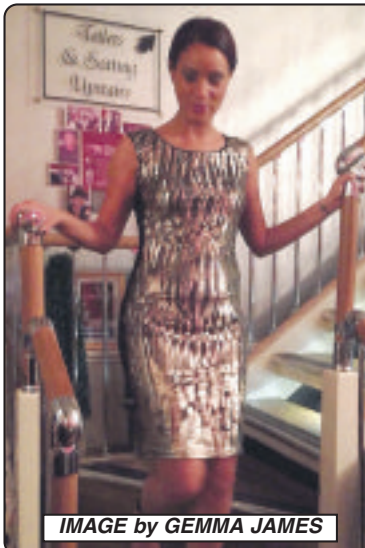


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Head of resource, Maria Thomas, Carole Bumford and Glynis Gould.

## Local golf ladies hand over £1,280 cheque to school hearing centre

**CAROLE BUMFORD** Brynhill Golf Club lady captain and her vice-captain Glynis Gould, attended an assembly at Cogan Primary School to donate £1,280 to the specialist hearing resource base at the school.

One of the pupils at this centre is Claire Downton's son, Daniel, and grandson of Carole Allen.

Brynhill Ladies donate to a charity of the lady captain's choice and with

our close ties with Daniel since he was born, she chose Daniel's school. All year we have fund-raised, including coffee and golf mornings, raffles and a Christmas fayre.

Carole and Glynis were delighted to hand the cheque to Daniel and were given a tour around the school to see what a difference the money would mean to the centre.

The ladies' section has raised money to improve the area outside the locker room and the porch leading into the locker room.

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## Air disaster – the day silence fell on Llandow

**THE speaker at last week's Barry Men's Forum was an old favourite of the forum, Mr Don Llewellyn, whose interesting talk was the air crash in 1950.**

Forty years on from the incident in 1950, Don made a film for HTV about the incident, and he consequently has extensive knowledge about it. The story starts in Belfast, where the Welsh rugby team was contesting the Triple Crown, which Ireland had held for the previous two years. Sensationally, Wales won the game.

A group of supporters were travelling home aboard an Avro Tudor V plane, and were coming in to land, when inexplicably, the plane went into a steep climb, stalled and crashed right on the edge of the Vale of Glamorgan village of Siginstone.

The incident was witnessed by a number of local people. The first on the scene of was farmer David Thomas, and he reported there was total silence.

Of the 83 people on board, only three

survived. It was the worst civil aviation disaster in history at the time, before the invention of the 'Black Box,' and despite extensive investigation, the cause of the crash was never truly discovered.

Don went on to talk about the survivors and their relatives, and the lives and coincidences of the people involved.

There was the repetition of the number three – there were three survivors, it was the third Tudor to crash, Wales won the Triple Crown by three points, the date of the accident in the third month, the plane was scheduled to land at 3 o'clock, the accident happened at 3.03pm.

Don was instrumental in having the memorial placed in the village square, 40 years after the crash.

On Thursday, October 30, Dr Toby Jones will be speaking on 'The Newport Boat,' recently discovered in the U.Sk.

The forum meets at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent, every Thursday at 10.15am. New members are very welcome.

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## 'Mystical powers' of people in Tiger Bay

**ON October 14, Neil Sinclair paid a return visit to the club with further tales of Tiger Bay.**

Neil was born and raised there and remembers John and Hayley Mills making the film about the bay in 1958. Why called 'Tiger'? It is thought that Portuguese sailors approaching Cardiff docks feared the rough waters of the Bristol Channel and termed it 'tiger water'.

Some of the older people of the bay were believed to have semi-mystical powers, or so it seemed to Neil. Recently, when he was quite ill in hospital, a lady with whom he had had no contact for some years, stopped his mother in the street and told her that she had dreamt that he would recover. As far as his mother knew, nobody even knew that Neil was ill.

Demographic changes to the population of the bay continue, and Neil is concerned that the newer residents have little knowledge its history.

He takes children from local schools on walks

around their home areas and is continually amazed and disappointed by their lack of appreciation of what it was like to live there when he was a boy.

One little girl asked him: "Sir, who were seamen?"

After he told them that before the barrage was built, that the sea went out, another question was "Sir, where did it go?"

They had no conception of wives being paid the wages due to their husbands while away at sea in cash at a local pub or the like, and not from a cash-point.

Neil has travelled to many foreign countries and makes the point that Tiger Bay was not the over-crowded slum that many politicians and planners were so keen to get rid of.

When Trevor Huddleston, the social reformer, visited Tiger Bay in 1950, he commented that the slums of South Africa were far worse.

With the rise of apartheid in Africa in the 1940s and 50s, politicians deliberately destroyed supposedly slum villages as an

opportunity to disperse undesirable people groups who were socially inconvenient, and Neil believes this was the same reason that north Butetown was sacrificed for the rise of south Butetown.

Many of the original houses in Tiger Bay were large multi-storied town houses that over time became flats occupied by several families. This didn't mean that they were over-crowded, the people liked and preferred to live in close contact with their friends.

Neil accepts that much of the bay has gone and cannot be the same again but he believes that some of the £15,000,000 recently granted to south Wales for regeneration of "a deprived area" should be spent not only on roads and the like, but some spent on preserving what is left of the older buildings in the bay, such as the Coal Exchange, which has always been a centre-piece of Cardiff's history.

The vote of thanks was given by president Gwyn MacGuire.

CHARLES REES



## Poppy picnic raises £300 for the appeal

**IN August, members of the Barry branch Royal British Legion were treated to a Poppy picnic by staff and residents of Springbanks Nursing Home in College Road, Barry.**

As well as the sale of various Poppy items raising in excess of £30 on the day, a further £300 from kind donations, ticket sales and a raffle was presented to the RBL by Springbanks manager, Simon Trehearne when members of the RBL were invited back for tea and cake.

Presenting a giant cheque, Simon said he hoped this money would help to kickstart this year's Poppy appeal.

ROY GOODWIN



## Students give an AM digital lessons

**LOCAL schoolchildren were joined by Vale AM, Jane Hutt at Barry Library on Friday (October 17) to learn more about the VCVS 'Get Online' initiative.**

"It was wonderful to see how advanced our primary school pupils are in their digital skills! They grasp every opportunity to learn more about the digital world for education, fun and creativity. I also learnt many new things which will help me be more 'digital' in my work as an AM," Ms Hutt said.

## A BRECON BEACONS RAMBLE RECALLS WARTIME TRAGEDIES

**NINETEEN** ramblers, including leaders Jan and John, arrived at Barry Sidings Country Park and the old railway sidings where coal was transported from the mines to the docklands in Barry.

Setting off in dry weather and climbing

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through woodland, they enjoyed refreshments while gazing towards Treforest, Mynydd Eglwysilan and Pontypridd, before moving on to Graig, with its traditional Welsh rows of terraced housing built into the hillside.

Then it was downhill into Ponty, renowned for the stone railway viaduct

built by Isambard Kingdom Brunel for the Taff Vale Railway, the old 140-foot span bridge over the River Taf, which, when constructed, was the longest single spanning bridge in the world, before an old tramroad led them back to the park.

Barrie and his group

of five walkers headed up to the Brecon Beacons to climb the two highest peaks in south Wales while also locating the sites of two aircraft that crashed during the Second World War.

Starting in sunshine that quickly developed into rain, blotting out surrounding views, as they climbed towards Corn Du. It was not hard to imagine how a Proctor NP 216 on a wireless telegraphy exercise on January 12, 1945, crashed in dense cloud into the mountain at around 750 metres, killing the pilot.

On a rather chilly Pen y Fan they gazed down into the valley high above the Neuadd Reservoir where, on November 3, 1941, a Spitfire X4913 on a training exercise flew straight into the rock face in low cloud killing the pilot. The wreckage was not located until nine months later.

Making their way down past the Tommy Jones memorial in sunshine and across Pen Milan to Y Glyn, another burst of heavy rain fell and, after seeking shelter in woodland, they joined the old drovers' road and made their way back past Storey Arms to Pont ar Daf, just as the sun came out once again.

On October 25, meet 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a nine-mile moderate walk at Gelligroes; contact Rachel on 01446 410545.

On October 26, meet at 9am at Cogan for a 10-mile moderate walk from Striavels; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

## BEACH CLEAN

**THE next Friends of Barry Beaches' beach clean will take place this Sunday (October 26) at Jackson's Bay, Barry Island at 3pm.**

All volunteers will be supplied with litter picking equipment. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

For further information telephone Rob Curtis on 01446 736287.

## Local Soroptimists say 'no' to slavery



Left to right: Jackie Memory, Linda Jones, president Jeni and Pat Salt.

**DURING** Anti-Human Trafficking Week (October 13-18), more than 400 Soroptimists across south Wales are distributing almost 3,000 stickers featuring Dewi, the red dragon with his blue blindfold. His message is simple: 'Say no to slavery in Wales'.

Members of SI Barry and District

are distributing 100 stickers throughout the Vale of Glamorgan.

President Jeni Gower Jones, together with the joint chair of the programme action committee, Jackie Memory and Pat Salt, delivered one of the stickers to Dinas Powys pharmacist, Linda Jones, who will be displaying it in her pharmacy.

Soroptimist International is a worldwide service organization for women. For further information, visit [www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district](http://www.sigbi.org/barry-and-district).

## Jones and Hook miss out as Gatland names squad for the Autumn series

NOTABLE absentees from the 34-man squad for the autumn Dove Men Series announced on Tuesday by Wales head coach, Warren Gatland, were veteran prop Adam Jones and the versatile James Hook.

The only uncapped player is 20-year-old Ospreys' prop Nicky Smith, along with 12 players who return after missing the summer tour to South Africa.

### WELSH SQUAD

**Forwards:** Gethin Jenkins (Cardiff Blues), Paul James (Bath Rugby), Nicky Smith (Ospreys), Richard Hibbard (Gloucester Rugby), Emyr Phillips (Scarlets), Scott Baldwin (Ospreys), Aaron Jarvis (Ospreys), Samson Lee (Scarlets), Rhodri Jones (Scarlets), Alun Wyn Jones (Ospreys), Jake Ball (Scarlets), Bradley Davies (Wasps), Luke Charteris (Racing Metro), Dan Lydiate (Racing Metro), James King (Ospreys), Sam Warburton (Cardiff Blues, CAPT), Justin Tipuric (Ospreys), Dan Baker (Ospreys), Taulupe Faletau (Dragons).

**Backs:** Mike Phillips (Racing Metro), Rhys Webb (Ospreys), Rhodri Williams (Scarlets), Dan Biggar (Ospreys), Rhys Priestland (Scarlets), Cory Allen (Cardiff Blues), James Roberts (Racing Metro), Jonathan Davies (ASM Clermont Auvergne), Scott Williams (Scarlets), Hallam Amos (Dragons), Alex Cuthbert (Cardiff Blues), George North (Northampton Saints), Tom Prydie (Dragons), Leigh Halfpenny (Toulon), Liam Williams (Scarlets).

## FINALS PLAYED OUT AT BRYNHILL GOLF CLUB



AT Brynhill Golf Club, Scott Bowman and first team captain Wayne Adams contested the club championship final, which was played in a good spirit with both players having their moments.

Match referee, club captain John Giles, didn't have too many problems to contend with. Scott finished the front 9 holes 4 up and went 8 up by the 6th hole on the second half, but Wayne wasn't going to lie down and fought back to eventually lose a commendable 4 and 3.

A good game and everybody who saw the game enjoyed it.

Richard Bond and Richard Pierce played the other

final, the Ernest Williams.

Both players played a good game. The match referee Rhys Jones, the club vice captain, stated after the game how the golf was of a very high standard.

Richard Bond was the winner with a score of 3 and 2.

'The George Williams' was won by Joey Brookman who beat My Phillip Lloyd. 'The Howell Hughes' was won by Daniel Williams who beat Ody Nicolaou and Chief Buck Rabbit was won by Bradley Dodd who beat Gregory Mills.

All games were played in a great spirit and a good day was had by all.

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## Ten out of ten for the Saints!

**BARRY Saints demolished Division 4 team BG Dons in Lazarou Challenge Cup with a 10-0 victory.**

Saints were dominant throughout with quick 'pass and move' football that left the visitors chasing shadows.

Michael Evans got the goal scoring started with a great header at the far post after being picked out by Darren Townsend.

The roles were soon reversed as Evans provided for Darren Townsend to grab the second and third, both one on ones; the first was a low effort into the near corner after a great first touch, the other a sweetly struck effort finding the far corner.

Andrew Townsend added his name to the scorers after putting the ball in straight from a corner kick which the keeper couldn't keep out. David A Evans grabbed the team's fifth with a glancing header from an Andrew Townsend corner.

Saints started slowly in the second half, but, very rarely troubled at the back, the goals soon began to mount up.

Michael Evans grabbed his second. Holding the ball up well he turned his marker out wide and then hit a long range effort from a tight angle bamboozling the keeper as it hit the back of the net.

Ashley Ashill grabbed his first after a great run from the left wing, beating two men and then scoring from a tight angle.

Drew Burniston then scored the goal of the game. Picking up the ball from a squared pass by Andrew Townsend 35 yards out, he hit a swerving shot over the stranded Dons keeper.

Ashley Ashill grabbed his second with a superbly hit effort towards the bottom corner from 25 yards.

Drew Burniston finished the scoring after a great run by Andrew Wyatt squaring the ball for Burniston to fire across the 'keeper from the edge of the box which found the corner of the net.

Man of the match, Drew Burniston: this week the Saints are away to JD Builders FC

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### BAKER

**Albert Raymond BEM**  
1923-2014

Passed away at Llandough Hospital on October 14 after a short illness. Beloved husband of Iris. Dearest father to Roger, Julia and the late Ceri. Cherished father-in-law, grandfather and great-grandfather. Albert was the youngest brother in the former family coal merchants, W Baker & Sons Ltd of Gaen Street, Barry. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends and acquaintances.

Resting at AG Adams & Son Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, October 27 at 11.30am, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park Crematorium, Port Road, Barry at 12.45pm. Family flowers only, please, but donations in lieu may be handed to the funeral director on the day or sent to Cancer Research Wales, Velindre Hospital, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 2TL.

### GRIFFITHS

**Ceri John 'Griff'**

Norma Griffiths and family are saddened at the unexpected death of Ceri John Griffiths, "Griff", of the Welsh Hawking Centre on Tuesday, 14th October 2014.

Griff's funeral takes place at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry, CF62 9PX on October 29 at 2.15pm. Mourners are invited to celebrate Griff's life at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club after the service. No flowers by request, donations for a memorial for Griff are welcomed. These can be sent to J James, 11 Fonmon Rd, Rhosce CF62 3DZ.

### THOMAS

**Brenda**

Peacefully, on October 16 at Llandough Hospital, Brenda of Llanmaes, beloved wife of the late Ian (Ianto), dearly loved mother of Stewart and Denise, dear mother-in-law of Jayne and Steve, a loving nan of Glyndwr, Liam and Blaine.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon, Funeral Friday, October 31, service 1pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.15pm. Family flowers only may be sent to the Funeral Home, donations in lieu, if desired, to Ty Hafan c/o Mrs C James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhosce, Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3DZ.

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Peacefully on Sunday, 19th October 2014 at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Bernice, of David Street, Wick, beloved wife of the late Robert, dearly loved mother of Paul, Helen and Nicola, will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Funeral on Monday 3rd November, service and interment at St. James's Church, Wick, at 2.00 pm. Flowers and enquiries to Penybont Funeral Services, Meadow St, Bridgend. Tel 01656 650831.

### JOHN B. ROBERTS

1936 - 2014

Died peacefully in Abergavenny.

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# All change as Barry Seconds slip to defeat

**BARRY 2nd XV travelled to Llanishen more in hope than expectation following a spate of late withdrawals and a mounting injury list.**

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow were forced to make seven changes to the side that started in the win over Llandaff last weekend. Mike Aivalent and Jon Morris were drafted in from the 3rd XV while there was also a return for Dutton, Haskell and Alex Evans.

The damp conditions and some curious refereeing decisions were making the game heavy viewing early on. Both sides had chances to open the scoring but opportunities were spurned by a combination of mediocre handling and poor decision making.

The home side had much of the territorial advantage in the first half despite playing up the slope, but found Barry's defence in unrelenting mode.

When they did breach the gain line and looked odds on to score, superb covering tackles by Rhidian Mephram and notably Dave Williams saw the attacks repelled.

Instead it was Barry

who looked more dangerous breaking out from the back, and following a fine break by Mephram the ball was laid on a plate for Joel Williams with the line at his mercy, only for the scrum-half to comically drop the ball.

Barry finally got on the scoresheet with a well-taken Joe McCann penalty, but a lapse in concentration after the interval saw them 7-3 down after Llanishen scored a converted try.

The visitors continued to try to play rugby despite the lack of familiarity within the newly assembled back division, and it paid dividends when Williams atoned for his earlier error, ignoring a clear overlap to dance his way to the try line. McCann failed to add the extras.

The momentum was now with Barry, and with the introduction of James Sullivan and Tony Heard off the bench the scrum turned the screw. From one such set piece near the line, the Barry eight sauntered across for Jason Evans to score his third try of the season. McCann added the extras.

It was going to take something special from the hosts to come back from that deficit – or a Barry error – and it was unfortunately the latter that occurred. A long

range penalty by the home side sailed wide, but instead of letting the ball go dead, Alex Evans tried to run the ball out from behind his try line, where he was forced to concede a penalty. This time the hosts made no mistake to narrow the deficit.

The momentum swung back to Llanishen and with Kyle Case lying injured, they utilised an overlap out wide to score the winning try. Barry attempted to rally at the death with just minutes left, but eventually ran out of ideas and time to lose the match 17-15.

While it was a brave performance by a hastily assembled team, it was clear to the management that the lack of fitness and training told in the tight encounter.

They would hope that this will be rectified in the forthcoming weeks before the 2nd XV return to action away to Rhwibina on November 1.

**Team:** Mephram; D Evans, D Williams, A Evans, Aivalent; McCann, J Williams ©; Corne, Turnbull, Haskell; Barclay, Dutton; Morris, Case, J Evans. **Replacements:** Sullivan, Heard, Bailey, substitute not used: E Evans. **Man of the match:** Dutton.

**A hastily assembled 3rd XV travelled to Fairwater as they continued their league campaign.**

Newly-appointed manager Frank Greig welcomed back James Clements into the starting line-up, while Chris Bailey and Mike Aivalent formed yet another new half-back partnership. Flanker Nathan Harris was forced to play as an emergency centre due to the shortage of backs.

With such a scratch side it was no surprise that the 3rd XV struggled against an experienced Fairwater 2nd XV, and despite some heroic defending by the team, tries came and went.

The 3rd XV cause were not helped by both Jason Thomas and Clements being forced off injured, Clements in particular suffering a fracture to his eye socket.

Barry did have some possession of their own in a good 20 minute period. Led by captain Jon Morris, the side attempted to string together a few phases to threaten the Fairwater line, but a lack of composure and cutting edge meant the visitors came home empty handed.

The 3rd XV will hope for some of their more experienced players to return to action when they travel to Penttyrch next weekend.

**LG**

# Lifeguards upgrade their skills



These members of Rhose lifeguards have worked hard to qualify for their lifeguard awards.

**OVER the past four weeks, 14 members of Rhose lifeguards have been in training to qualify for their lifeguard awards.**

The final exams were taken at the Knap in Barry and all 14 candidates gained their award.

Congratulations to Dom, Chad, Tanara, Charlie, Laura, Finn, Alex, Simon, Kelsea, Caitlin, Maisie, Mandy, Sue and Eloise

along with their coaches Chris and Simon for all of their hard work.

Although Rhose Lifeguards are a voluntary organisation, the candidates are now eligible to apply for Beach Lifeguard jobs with the RNLI and will probably be lifeguarding our beaches next summer.

**JF**

## Plenty of action for chess club

**THE week started early for the Barry Chess Club with the annual south Wales autumn congress.**

This was a weekend, five round tournament and was followed by games for the Camelots in division 1 and the Gambits in division 4.

In the congress we were well represented with four players in the major and one player in the minor event. The time control was different to our league matches and it is always vital to understand the timings. Never more so than when you take a comfort break only to find you have lost on time as happened to Nigel Ralphs.

This was his only defeat and he finished on three points. This is half a point more than Matthew Parry earned but his claim to fame was beating Peter Heaven who has 2086 ranking points.

At the top end of the tournament both Lee Davis and Craig Woolcock started with three wins. In round four they were drawn to play one another and the game ended with a win for Craig.

In the final round both players won their matches leaving Craig as the tournament winner on 100 per cent and Lee as runner up with four from five.

In the minor event Steven Bonutto was our entrant. He appears in the results with 3 and a half points from his five games and earned 82 ranking points in the process.

In the following league games both the Camelots and the Gambits were successful in winning their matches 3-2. The best result came from Lee who beat Tim Kett on time.

However the exertions of the weekend proved too much for Craig and Stephen who both lost their games. In Craig's case it was against Peter Heaven in their second meeting in three days.

The Camelots remain on top of division 1 for the second consecutive week having a two point advantage over the recovering Cardiff Castles. The Gambits are somewhat surprisingly heading up division 4; however this is only because they have played more games than everyone else!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

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## Hockey team not a fan of elevenses!

**PENARTH'S 1st XI succumbed to their biggest defeat in recent history, thrashed 11-0 by a very good Hereford side in a top-of-the-table clash in De Cymru & The Marches 1.**

The omens did not look good for Penarth even before the game, as Hereford led the league and had scored 17 goals in their first three games.

On top of that, the Vale side were travelling to the borders with a weakened team, fielding a bare eleven instead of the usual squad and had to request a delayed start to allow James Davies to arrive and ensure the visitors didn't start short-handed.

Any faint glimmer of hope that may have been held by the optimists in the Scaffold-sponsored Penarth team were probably wiped out in the first ten seconds, Hereford scoring an excellent passing goal straight from the off - before any Penarth player had even touched the ball.

The Bears looked shaky throughout, but had a chance to equalise early on as Chris Baker tested the Hereford keeper following a trademark run. That moment aside, it was largely a case of weathering the storm, as the opening 20 minutes saw Hereford take a 3-0 lead. Penarth's only other chance came as Matt Birch played a perfect ball into the 'D', only to be harshly penalised for not travelling the necessary five yards in the build-up.

From then on, any noteworthy Penarth attacks could be counted on one hand as they saw goal after goal go the way of their hosts. The second half produced more of the same, as some superb hockey from Hereford increased Penarth frustrations as the goals and fouls mounted up. The visitors were lucky not to be reduced to 10 men on a number of occasions as Hereford, clearly big Spinal Tap fans, 'turned it up to 11' late on.

But for some excellent saves by goalkeeper Mark Harris, the margin could have been far greater and, to their credit, the Vale side never let their heads drop and battled until the final whistle. The result drops Penarth to sixth in the division but, given the circumstances, they could at least take some solace from stand-out performances from Davies and Rory Vizard, the latter making his 1st XI debut.

**WHITCHURCH 'G' 1-6 PENARTH 'A'**

While the 1st XI struggled with availability issues, the seconds had no such worries as they travelled to Treforest to take on another of the four Whitchurch sides in De Cymru 2.

After the frustrating defeat of a week before, the Vale side were determined to right the ship, but initially made hard work of what should have been a relatively straightforward fixture.

A goalless opening period allowed Whitchurch's blend of youth and experience to gain confidence and Penarth keeper Jason Harris was called into action to keep the scores level before Penarth finally broke the deadlock via Phil Lane.

Spurred on by the goal, Penarth doubled their lead as Dave Thomas finished a breakaway move by sliding in to convert a cross from the right, but the visitors were then shaken by the loss of captain Nick Pratt, who sustained a nasty facial injury while defending a rare Whitchurch penalty corner.

Despite turning around two goals to the good, Penarth knew they could not afford to relax and eased tensions somewhat as right half Ian Smith broke into the home 'D' to fire home a third.

The lead was further extended by the goal of the game as Tom Parkinson's left wing cross was met by rising star Sam Salisbury, the youngster unfazed by the advancing goalkeeper to slot home his first senior goal.

Despite some resolute defending from Zbig Sobierski and the returning Richard Bromley, Whitchurch refused to go quietly and broke away to find Harris and Paul Roberts outnumbered in defence.

However, reducing the deficit only served to revive Penarth efforts, with Dave Kidby and Lane adding further goals before the final whistle to leave the final score 6-1 in the visitors' favour.

The victory not only halved Penarth's goal difference deficit but also boosted the Vale club to fifth in their division, now at the head of a closely-packed mid-table group.

League games continue this weekend, (Saturday, October 25), with the 1st XI facing a very different test as second from bottom Cheltenham visit Barry Sports Centre. The 2nd XI, meanwhile, have a rare Sunday fixture, with Gwent 'B' the visitors to the Vale.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the juniors in action between 6-7pm and senior between 7-8pm.

Further information can be obtained from club secretary Dave Stevens ([d\\_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk)).

**CL**

## Tight game for Mason's Seconds

**MASON'S seconds, following on from a tough 3-1 win last week, travelled to Cadoxton Barry at Bryn-y-Don.**

With Cadoxton Barry languishing towards the bottom of the table Mason's thought that another good performance would keep up their winning run.

However, CB had the majority of their players available and played their part in a highly entertaining game. With early pressure Mason's were on the front foot.

A corner was pinged in from the right and flicked on at the near post for Elliot Cayton to volley high into the roof of the net.

CB were playing the counter attacking football and using their pace up front to good effect. A curling effort just past the 20 minute mark brushed the upright before going wide. Another breakaway saw them equalise just before half-time.

The second half started in much the same way, with lots of pressure from Mason's, but for the first 15 minutes both defences were on top.

Paul Edwards and

Dave Allen were marshalling the Mason's defence really well but were constantly tested with the pace of CB.

Elliot Cayton and Drew Burniston were replaced just after half time by Nick Louch and Paul Eveleigh as the big Bryn-y-Don pitch was leg sapping to the two departing players.

With 30 minutes to go, and in the space of 10 minutes, David Evans, a constant thorn in the CB side all afternoon, bagged a brace with CB scoring one in between.

CB were now on the front foot and looking for the equaliser. The referee on the whole had a good game but didn't spot the clear offside for the goal.

This left a frantic 15 minutes with the player/manager coming on to replace the veteran Leon Butler, who had run himself into the ground.

Although Mason's were dominating at this point they couldn't find the winner and were susceptible to the counter. The game finished 3-3 and it could have gone either way.

Mason's would like to thank their sponsor BRT International for their new kit.

**LG**

**KC**

# Racing world bids farewell to John Bowles

**FORMER** racehorse owner, trainer and amateur rider John Bowles, who was aged 70, and who was well known to racegoers in the Vale as he often ran his horses at the Llanelwyr, Glamorgan and Pentyrch point-to-points, has died suddenly in Ireland.

He was one of horse racing's most controversial characters and he lost his trainer's licence in 1980 and was 'warned off' for 20 years for his part in one of the biggest racing scandals there has ever been.

A jury found him guilty of switching broken down 10-year-old no-hoper *In The Money* with *Cobler's March*, a winner of six races, in a selling handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot in 1978.

In 1989, Bowles failed in an appeal court to clear his name and he told me then: "I am fed up not being able to take part in the sport I love and I am going to live in Ireland."

Bowles, from Crickhowell, Powys, went to live in County Westmeath and in 1998 the Irish Turf Club granted him a licence to train. However, the

following year they fined him £1R1,000 after two of his winners had tested positive for a prohibited substance.

Bowles took little notice of his Jockey Club ban and would often turn up at point-to-points in the Vale and at Cheltenham Racecourse and other race meetings.

On one occasion I was reporting at the Talybont Hunt Steeplechases and was invited into the sponsors' tent. Imagine my surprise when I discovered that the banned Bowles was sitting at a table, large drink in hand, holding court with local owners and officials - and when he saw me he admonished me for writing bad things about him!

Bowles, who trained at Killucan, Co Westmeath, saddled a number of winners in Ireland before he retired in 2009.

The biggest success he had was with Drewstown Lady which won a big handicap hurdle race at the Galway Festival in 2000.

Irish trainer Gordon Elliot, who knew him well, said: "He was a gentleman and a character and a great friend."

**THE SCANDAL THAT SHOCKED RACING WORLD**

On August Bank Holiday Monday, 1979, bookmakers at Newton Abbot were stunned when a horse down on the racecard as *In The Money*, which had been backed from 33-1 to 8-1 before bookmakers refused to take any more money on it, stormed home a 20 lengths winner of the Hatherleigh Selling hurdle race.

The horse running for the first time in three years, and said to be a 10-year-old bay gelding, was ridden by Welsh jockey John Williams. *In The Money's* trainer, John Bowles, had to go to 1,100 guineas to retain the horse at auction following the race which had netted him just £525 in prize money.

One bookmaker at the course, George Parsons, told me back then: "With 25 bookmakers on the course there was a minimum of £15,000 to £20,000 paid out to backers."

With bets also placed at bookmaking shops throughout the country the betting coup was thought to be around £60,000, a considerable sum in 1978. Racecourse security officers began to make inquiries as *In The Money*, later described as 'a pigeon-toed broken down hack' had raced half-a-dozen or so times in the past and had failed to complete the course on each occasion!

Calling at Bowles' yard, they learned that the horse had been slaughtered at Bristol abattoir the morning after the race. Bowles said: "*In The Money* went lame and I did not wish to see the old boy suffer." However, after a tip from a former National Hunt jockey, who had been associated with Bowles, police asked him about another horse called *Cobler's March*, a very useful sort.

Bowles claimed that *Cobler's March*, which he had owned, had died a few months before. However, by an amazing coincidence, a racecourse photographer had taken pictures of both *Cobler's March* and *In The Money* and it was

mainly on photographic evidence that Bowles was given an 18 months suspended sentence and fined £1,500 after being convicted of two deception charges.

He was declared a disqualified person by the Jockey Club until the year 2000, which was one of the severest sentences to be handed out in the history of the turf.

In 1976, Bowles rode two winners at point-to-points and both of them were later disqualified. Following a subsequent objection by the stewards of the Jockey Club, *Hesperous*, who had brought off one of the biggest gambles in years when winning at the Glamorgan Hunt Steeplechases, was disqualified on the grounds that he had been sharpened up by running in handicap hurdle events in the point-to-point close season, while *Westwyn*, a winner at the Gelligaer Farmers meeting, was disqualified for having been trained by a professional trainer.

**EVAN'S CHELTENHAM WINNER**

*Court Minstrel*, a seven-year-old bay gelding and a former useful handicap hurdler, landed the novices' chase at Cheltenham last Friday for Llancarfan's Evan Williams.

Ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, *Court Minstrel* scored by two-and-three-quarter lengths from *Chris Pea Green* and was made the 6-4 favourite in a field of six runners.

**FLINT'S BATH WINNER**

Bridgend trainer John Flint saw his eight-year-old chestnut gelding *Urban Space* land the Clip Exhibition And Display Handicap at Bath last Sunday.

*Urban Space*, a winner at Chepstow on his previous start and the oldest horse in the race, won by half-a-length from *Sirait Run* at odds of 10-1 and was ridden by Liam Keniry.

**BRIAN LEE**

## Island Marine under-11 line-up



**ISLAND Marine under-11 mini team squad are pictured sporting new playing kit sponsored by Admiral Insurance.**

The squad train on Tuesday nights on the astro turf at St

Richard Gwyn School.

The team currently have three coaches, Tony Ware, Nick Parsons and Chris Harding, all of whom hold grassroots FAW coaching qualifications, are first aid certified and fully DBS checked.

**NO**

## BONUS POINT WIN FOR SULLY SPORTS

**WELL done to all players and supporters of Sully Sports RFC who travelled on Saturday.**

This was never going to be an easy match, but Sully Sports ran out winners 22-13 against Ferndale, and the seconds ran out comfortable winners against local rivals Sea View.

From the start Sports pressured Ferndale's 22, but unfortunately came away with no score. Ferndale used home advantage and soon had points on the board with a well struck penalty.

As the referee allowed the game to flow and played quick advantage, again Sports kept the ball alive and pressure mounted in Ferndale's half. Jake Williams had several opportunities at the posts with penalties mounting up, but it was his strong running that rewarded him for his efforts, going over for the first try of the day.

Again the pack stood tall, with Dai Harris growing in confidence, but the Ferndale defence stood strong and forced Sports to change tack. With the coach shouting for patience and the forwards gaining the upper hand it was close play that worked well for Jody Velda to go over for Sports' second try.

As the game flowed, Ferndale slowly pulled their way back into the game.

The second half started much the same as the first half with both sides throwing everything in their armoury at each other, and strong defence and fast attack ensured the supporters enjoyed a good game.

Ferndale gained the upper hand after a few yellow cards but the young squad of the Sports plugged away at the home side, with Jake Williams crossing.

Sports again rallied and put more pressure on the defence, moving some 30 meters up the pitch with the pack and backs getting involved. Patience was rewarded with a try from captain Jon Blake, the game ending with Jake Williams converting, leaving the score on the day Ferndale 13, Sully Sports 22, ensuring a bonus point for the away side.

We entertain Tonyrefail in the cup this week, all support welcome.

**Team:** Jody Velda, Jamie Griffiths, Sam Bowditch, Dan Stillman, Antony Williams, Mike Angove, Gareth Foxall, John Thomas, Peter Brown, Jon Blake, Dean Russell, Rhys Manford, Dai Harris, Damian Huggins, Tim Dredge, Dave Weston, Dave Stillman, Matt Phillips, Jake Williams.

**GI**

## Scots outclass Wales in the rain

**WALES** were outclassed in pouring rain in Workington as Scotland, led by Danny Brough, scored three tries in the first 11 minutes of the second half to make a flying start to their European Championship campaign.

The Welsh started well but fell away as mistakes crept in from the inexperienced youngsters giving Scotland a 42-18 win.

Rhys Williams had an early try denied for a forward pass but the Dragons did take the lead on 10 minutes. Ollie Olds kicked and Rhys Williams collected well to ground in the corner.

Ricky Hough missed the conversion.

The lead didn't last long. Danny Brough scored in the corner following a Welsh error from kick-off, converting himself. Brough created the second Scotland try from the first set after kick-off setting up Oscar Thomas nicely to go over in the corner. Brough missed the kick.

Another Welsh error gave Scotland the scrum on Wales' 10 metre line. They didn't waste the opportunity as Corby Kilday scored on his debut with Brough converting.

A high tackle on Morgan Evans was a sour point of the first half but it led to three successive Wales penalties and from

the last one, a good kicking high which confused the Welsh defence and David Scott beat Tom Hughes to the ball to extend the Scottish lead to 28-14.

Then, from a penalty, Callum Phillips was given too much space to run through for Scotland's sixth try.

Brough missed the kick. The next try came from a good passing move left Wales exposed on the wing and Oscar Thomas set up David Scott to walk over. Brett Phillips added another Scottish try that Brough duly converted, which made it 42-14.

But Wales had the final say with a consolation try through Connor Farrer.

**IG**

## SULLY IBC DOMINATE OPPOSITION

**SULLY IBC** visited Bridgend on Saturday to play Ogwr in the Clubs Championship, their second game of the new indoor season, hoping to continue their winning ways having beaten Newport in their first game.

Sully made changes to their team to allow players who missed the first game an opportunity to show their form in readiness for selection for forthcoming games beginning Saturday against Championship favourites Blaenau Gwent.

The game got off to a flying start for Sully who raced to a 28 shot lead by the fifth end and this increased to 42 by end 10 and ironically the only Sully rink struggling was that of Martin Clarke, who after being top rink in the first game was being held at 10-10.

As the game progressed Sully were proving too strong for their opponents and at

end 15 were now 58 shots ahead and at this stage the win was more or less guaranteed and the focus was now on ensuring maximum points.

With the rinks of Brian Griffiths, Mel Newman, Matthew Woodcock and Ken McLeod well ahead it was the remaining rinks of Brian Foscolo and Clarke who at this stage were just six and three shots ahead respectively and fighting to maintain their slender leads.

On the 16th and 17th ends Foscolo and Clarke dropped a further four shots, also McLeod's rink suffered a reverse of seven shots narrowing their lead to just three, but these reverses obviously hit home and the three rinks lifted their games, picking up 22 shots over the last four ends ensuring a maximum 22 points, winning 165-90.

The next game is against Blaenau Gwent at the Sully Stadium, 2pm this Saturday (October 25).

**FP**

**ANOTHER** home tie in the South Wales Intermediate Cup meant that MMG welcomed Brackla FC to Severn Avenue.

Brackla would have been full of confidence after winning 8-0 in the last round and they started the game very well with MMG struggling to get a foothold in the game.

After a sloppy opening 10 minutes, the game started to even itself out with both teams focusing on attacking.

Brackla took the lead when a well worked corner was nodded in at the back post. With both teams fully

committed, MMG drew level when a goal kick was flicked on by Michael Fallas and Josh Mazey turned fantastically 30 yards out and fired a shot low into bottom left corner of the net.

An unfortunate injury to Tim Lednor, meant a reshuffle with Anthony Connell pushing out wide and James Mason coming on up front. Brackla then took the lead for the second time in contentious fashion when a low cross was converted by the striker who was standing five yards behind the MMG defence.

MMG knew that they had to improve in the second half but they

got off to the worst possible start by conceding a penalty within the first five minutes. The penalty was despatched well and a 3-1 scoreline looked bleak for MMG.

The introduction of new signing Dimitri Fallas provide effective straight away when he shimmied past two players and rifled an unstoppable shot passed the goalkeeper from 25 yards out.

With the score at 3-2, MMG really kicked on and started applying pressure to the Brackla back line. For the last 20 minutes, MMG took full control of the game, kept the ball well and started to create good goalscoring

chances.

Solid goalkeeping and organised defence from Brackla coupled with the final ball not quite falling for the MMG attack meant that the game finished 3-2 to Brackla FC. MMG can be proud that they never gave up and gave a fantastic second half performance but on the day it wasn't enough to progress. Good luck to Brackla FC in the next round.

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# Vale girls sail into the British top 10!

**TILLY Matthews (16) from Barry who goes to Ysgol Bro Morganwg and Jemma Viney (16) from Peterston Super Ely, who goes to Cowbridge Comprehensive School have been selected for the RYA 420 UK youth sailing squad, which is made up of the eight best youth (age 18 and under) crews in Britain.**

The RYA UK Youth Squad Programme is designed to enable the best British sailors to develop their racing skills so that they can achieve on the international stage.

Qualification was based on results from two national championships. At the GB 420 Inland Championships at Carsington, Derbyshire, in mid September the girls put in an excellent series of consistent results over two days of competition, finishing in fifth place overall and winning a silver medal as the second female crew.

Jemma's brother Matt, sailing with Dan Atherton from the Isle of Wight, finished third and second male crew.

The second qualification event was the GB 420 Autumn Championships held at Poole on the South coast at the end of September. This was a challenging event as there was a very light shifty wind all weekend and sailing conditions were made more difficult with a strong tide on the ebb.

The girls were a little disappointed with some of their results at Poole but their performance over the two events was good enough for them to be selected for the British squad.

Jemma and Tilly have only been sailing together for a year since moving on from single handed junior boats. Jemma has been sailing since the age of nine.

She was in the GBR and Welsh National Optimist squads and has represented GBR at International Events in France and Hungary.

Jemma who is a triplet and also has an older brother said: "All my family love sailing. My older brother Gareth sailed lasers and 29ers and now sails for Southampton University, my brother Sam sails a Feva and my other brother Matthew sails a 420 and has also been selected for the GBR 420 youth squad. To have three sailors from Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in

the squad is a fantastic achievement."

Tilly has been sailing for four years: "I got the sailing bug after I went on a family sailing holiday in Croatia. On return home I went to Cardiff Bay Yacht Club and asked about dingy sailing. I learnt to race a Topper, was selected for the Welsh Topper squad and I went on to represent Wales in several events."

Tilly had come as far as she could in a Topper and was looking for a new challenge when she was asked by Nick Sawyer, Cardiff Bay Yacht Club training coach if she was interested in sailing with Jemma as crew in a double handed boat.

The girls were introduced and hit it off straight away. They have travelled as far as Belgium, France and all over Wales and England in the last year to fulfill their dreams. They would like to thank Nick Sawyer and Cardiff Bay Yacht Club for their help and support; and Cardiff Pointe, the property developers at Cardiff Bay, who have sponsored the girls over the past year, helping with the cost of travel to overseas events and enabling them to have extra specialist coaching.

Jemma and Tilly will train with the GBR and Welsh squads nearly every weekend all through the winter, with some longer sessions at half term and Christmas school holidays.

Their next event will be the Grand prix de L'Armistice at Bordeaux in France over half term with five days of racing. They are aiming for qualification for the European Championships next year and would love to progress into the 470 Olympic class.

MM

## Bridge results

**RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for October 20:**

1st Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 63.33%, 2nd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 61.67%, 3rd Alan Lewis & Terry Evans 60.42%.

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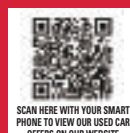
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## Barry darts singles league

**AFTER three weeks of the Barry Darts Singles League, Matt Stanger tops the table with 20 points with the help of six wins from six matches.**

The season consists of a round robin format with each darter playing each other twice during a season, each match being five legs long and being awarded for every leg won. A change to last season sees an extra point awarded to the winner for a 5-0 win. The extra point available could be invaluable at the season end to see who qualifies for the finals night.

After three weeks there have been just five 5-0 results, those being: Terry Williams 5-0 Alan Oliver; Ritchie Boucher 5-0 John Hurn; Ritchie Boucher 5-0 mark Cooke; John Hurn 5-0 Alan Oliver and Richie Williams 5-0 Kevin Sheppard.

A good start to the season sees Richie Williams hold second place with 19 points,

closely followed by Dave Davies and John Hurn on 18 points. Current singles champion Ritchie Boucher holds sixth position having played just two matches but winning both 5-0, so the expectation is Ritchie will climb the league once back from illness.

Slow starts to the season from Matt Bester and Alan Oliver see them languishing at the foot of the table in 11th and 12th places respectively. Both darters will be battling for the play off positions come seasons end.

Matt Stanger not only currently sits top of the table after three weeks but is also leading the 180 count with three, the highest checkout with 156 and jointly has the best darts leg of 15 darts with Ritchie Boucher.

All matches are kindly hosted by the Barry Island Sports and Social Club each Tuesday from 8pm. If you're interested in darts, be it watching or participating, pop along and you'll be warmly welcomed.

RW

## Liam's golden Germany trip

**On October 11-1, The W.O.M.A.A (World Organisation of Martial Arts Athletes) International German Championships took place.**

The event was hosted by Sascha Schreiner and teenage martial artist Liam Rees (17) travelled to Vilsbiburg, Germany to take part as a member of Team Wales.

The event was held over two days. The first day consisting of weapons and pattern forms. Day two consisted of light continuous and points fighting.

Liam entered the advanced boys aged 15-17, and he fought comfortably through the rounds against some experienced fighters to take gold!

Liam also entered the mens 70kg and under category where again he showed outstanding talent and took gold! He finished the day in winning style by fighting a German competitor and again taking gold!

Liam is now in training for the W.O.M.A.A Series mens finals in November; his family would like to wish him the best of luck for this event.

Thanks also to his sponsor W.O.M.A.A Fight Gear.

LR



## It's raining medals at Cadoxton school!



**ONCE again the Cadoxton School of Tae Kwon Do joined forces with kick boxers from W.O.M.A.A. Wales to form a Welsh squad consisting of 17 competitors who flew into Munich to compete in the German International Championships hosted by Master Sascha Schreiner.**

The event was held in Vilsbiburg and run with the usual German efficiency; although this event was smaller than expected the level of competition was of a very high standard. The Welsh squad brought home with them 28 gold, 19 silver and three bronze medals.

Unfortunately two members of the Cadoxton contingent (Thea & Lucia

Cunningham) had to pull out, leaving seven competitors from the Cadoxton School in the squad, competing in the Point and Continuous sparring, Traditional Forms, Weapon and Synchronised forms.

The Cadoxton contingent's contribution was 12 gold, 12 silver and three bronze to the Welsh team's total.

Maddison Allen won gold in weapons, gold in traditional patterns, gold in continuous sparring and silver in point sparring; Cody Jacobsen won gold in weapons, silver in traditional patterns, point and continuous sparring; Joel Wells won gold in traditional Patterns, silver in point sparring, bronze in continuous sparring and bronze in weapons.

Cian Allen won gold in point & continuous sparring, and silver in

traditional patterns; Lucy Newman won gold in weapons & traditional patterns, silver in point & continuous sparring; Matthew Bennett won gold in weapons, silver in traditional and synchronised patterns, silver in continuous sparring, while Bradley Halford won gold in traditional patterns and continuous sparring, silver in Synchronised patterns and bronze in point sparring.

Club instructor and

coach, Master Ron Thomas, would like to thank all the family's and supporters of the school for their support and fund raising efforts without whom we could not have achieved our continual success.

*Picture are: Bradley Halford, Matthew Bennett, Lucy Newman, instructor and coach Master Ron Thomas; Cian Allen, Joel Wells, Maddison Allen and Cody Jacobsen.*

RT

## Barrivale bridge

**LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for October 14:**

1st Joan Jenkins & Mick Green 66.67%; 2nd Dave Thomas & Tom Kendrick 55.00%; =3rd Jane Brook & Celia Thomas 53.33%; =3rd Denis Mottram & Ken Hannah 53.33%.

Joan Jenkins and Mick Green also won on handicap.

*New members are always welcome at Barrivale. If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7.00pm.*

DR

## The Dinas Wolves show their bite to make progress in Cup

**DINAS Powys Wolves proved too strong for IMFC in the cup.**

Dinas started the slower of the teams allowing the home side to take an early lead with a mix up in defence, and minutes later IMFC were awarded a somewhat dubious penalty when what looked to be a perfectly well timed tackle by skipper Fifield was adjudged to be a foul.

Thankfully the imposing figure of Morris made the goal seem small, as the home team player failed to hit the target from 12 yards.

The villagers then started to play their game and Hewitson and Williams combined well to free up Booker down the right wing. His cross caused confusion amongst the home side defence as they panicked to clear the ball and sliced it straight into their own net.

At halftime, with the score 1-1, Dinas regrouped and changed their shape. Dinas then had more quality attacks but the final ball was lacking. Eventually Quest put Hewitson through who coolly chipped the keeper from 15 yards.

The game never really got started as a lot of

wasted passes and stop starting did not allow the match to flow but the visitors looked the more likely to add to the scoreline.

In defence Moss, Williams, Lewis, Frost and Mallum looked too strong for the attacks thrown at them, while the midfielders Doughty, Harewood, Booker, Quest, Fifield and O'Brien tried to get their passing game going but struggled at times with the pitch cutting up. Hewitson, Saunders and Pereira in attack are a pain to any side with a good mixture of strength, pace and skill.

Doughty sealed the match with a very well taken goal to put the Villagers into the semi-final.

Morris and Stowell in goals each pulled off two great saves but looked very comfortable.

Man of the match was awarded to Jacob Moss for some very well-timed tackles.

The home side put a really good fight in this fixture and certainly made it difficult for Dinas to play their passing game.

LS

## Barry & District male skittles league

**DIVISION 1:** (S.Germon 30) 267; Barry Park 'B' Posties (Gallimore 27) 268; Witchill Wizards (N.Stephenson 29) 238; (C.Tipton 28); The Merrymen (A.Buckland 26) 259; Royalists (B.Wright 31) 291; BP Breakaways (Cavaliers (A.Rowles 30) 271; The Hairy Lemons (J.Rees 29) 285; (S.Linney 26) 250; Geest Tynewydd Lads (S.Galsworthy 32) 287; (A.Wright 28) 265; Cavaliers (K.Davies, Posties (T.Gray 29) 280; B. S t e p h e n s o n , Willie Wombles (P.Douglas, M.Weaver (I.Drasey 32) 284; 24) 255; Park Lads Abercrete (D.Arnold 32) (D.Baker 28) 274; 284. Bunker Boys (S.Jeynes Division 3: British Rail (D.Slugg 32) 274; 31) 280; Park Rangers Castle Boys (G.Brooks (A.Hopkins, G.Owens 31) 250; C.U.D. 29) 259, 49'ers (G.Yarr 30) 273; The Merrymen (G.Sheppard 32) 271; (S.Tobin 33) 326; Park The Alternatives Lads (M.Jones 30) 303.; (A.Rosser 28) 257; West End Stars Cannon Balls (G.Currie (C.Aldred 27) 262; 29) 295; Billy Bluebirds (Colcot Boys (M.Elliott (S.Marshall 29) 292; KP (34) 291. Monkeynuts (M.Dando 31) 295; West End Fliers

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## Derby goes to wire... but it's Barry RFC who earn the bragging rights!

**BARRY RFC** visited local rivals **Llantwit Major** in their latest league game last Saturday in a game between two sides currently at the top of the table.

It was not surprising that it turned into a cliffhanger that was only decided in the final minutes, with the visitors coming away with the points.

Early match nerves were obvious in the opening minutes as both sides probed for openings, with the home side scoring the first points of the game from a penalty.

Playing their now customary open style Barry came back with an attack that forced the home defence to concede a penalty which, taken quickly, created space for full back Scott to cross to open the Barry account with the conversion being successful.

The home pack appeared to be getting on top of the Barry eight

as the half progressed, and it was no surprise when, following a period when Barry were finding it difficult to achieve any possession, they conceded a penalty which was successful.

Despite stealing a lineout Barry were to fall behind as the clearance went out on the full giving Llantwit another chance which they took as their speedy centre outstripped the Barry defence to score an excellent try, which with the conversion gave the home side a 13-7 lead with a quarter of the game gone.

Despite this setback Barry began to earn parity up front which gave them the opportunity to launch counter attacks which finally forced Llantwit to concede another penalty, duly converted by Scott to reduce the deficit to three points.

The final minutes of the half saw both teams attacking and defending, and both were unlucky not to score, to leave the game on a knife edge as the second half began.

With the next score vital for both teams, defences had to be at their best which turned out to be the case. The first chance fell to Barry, but the penalty from a difficult position was missed. Minutes later the home side were given a penalty following a sin bin offence and duly went into a six point lead.

Once again the Barry defence was being pressured by a lively Llantwit team, but the visitors individually and as a group would not give an inch.

Withstanding that period of pressure appeared to give Barry renewed confidence and it was their turn to go on the offensive with Scott producing successive breaks to unsettle the home side.

The fitness of the visitors was beginning to show and the forwards began to dominate at scrum time. This provided opportunities to let the backs go, and following three attempts to cross the line, Barry were not to be denied as White



Kicking for glory!

broke through wide out to score. The conversion was missed, still leaving Barry a point behind with less than 10 minutes left.

With attack being the best form of defence the home team tried to create chances but were unable to breakdown a stubborn Barry defence and were to give a penalty for an infringement on the floor that would give Barry the lead for the

first time since the 10th minute.

Barry maintained the pressure as they camped in the home 25. The match was to finish with a further try for Barry which came unexpectedly from a home scrum. The home side struck the ball cleanly but were unable to control it at the back and as the ball flew out, flanker Hadfield was first to react to score a fine opportunistic try



It was Barry RFC who emerged victorious from a titanic local derby against Llantwit Major RFC on Saturday, winning 26-15; as HOWARD POOLE'S pictures show, no quarter was given by either side. TURN TO PAGE 18 FOR MORE ON BARRY RFC.

which, with the conversion, gave Barry a 26-15 lead as the final whistle went to end a thoroughly entertaining game which was a credit to both teams

Once again a fine team performance with every player contributing to a well earned victory. This Saturday it's back to the Swalec Bowl where we entertain Hirwaun in the second round at the Reservoir Field, kick off 2.30pm. AJ



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Please contact (in the first instance) either Ken Bryl, Club Secretary on 07834 606050 [ken@cw-fm.co.uk](mailto:ken@cw-fm.co.uk), or Andy Pritchard Club Chairman on 07707 241226.

## Weakened Dinas exit League Cup

**DINAS POWYS' encounter with Tata Steel in the first round of the Nathaniel Car Sales League Cup was always going to be difficult, with no less than seven players who would normally be in the squad, unavailable for various reasons.**

The visitors started in determined mood forcing an early corner; this produced another corner which was floated to the far post, the ball headed back into the six yard box where Lee Machlachlan got in a firm header to beat Dinas keeper Jack Perks with just eight minutes gone.

Tata then had a free kick awarded on the edge of the Dinas box, Andrew Pearson screwing his effort well wide. Dinas, with several youngsters in the side, were struggling to compete with a strong physical Tata outfit but they gradually got themselves into the game with determined play by Ben Ah-Mun forcing a corner taken by Jasper Morgan but the defence cleared the danger.

Dinas thought they had equalised when a through ball reached young striker Luke Swain who, with two defenders and the goalkeeper tackling him, somehow toe-poked the ball past them all and towards the open goal but a defender just managed to hook it off the line and the chance was gone.

This gave the home side encouragement and Ah-Mun forced another corner, Morgan

found Ah-Mun who got a shot on target but it deflected off a defender for another corner which was unproductive.

The game got a bit heated and after a Tata cross was punched clear by Perks to Rhodri Foote, he was scythed down and unfortunately retaliated to find himself red carded, and Dinas knew it was really going to be a hard task to get back into the game.

The referee was beginning to lose control of the game and neither management teams were pleased with some of his decisions. Jasper Morgan was then chopped down with Connor Harris receiving a yellow card for Tata.

Things settled down again and with Atif Bashir and Keiron James battling away in midfield Dinas began to get more possession, their persistence earning them a free kick just outside the box Joe Briscoe took the kick but hit the wall and eventually a goal kick was the decision.

Morgan left the field on 38 minutes, Mike Lazarou his replacement, and things went from bad to worse when Swain pulled up with a hamstring injury, Jack Cole taking his place.

Dinas started the second half brightly and as Ah-Mun drove into the box he was fouled, the referee pointing to the spot. He brushed himself down and took the kick himself but Gareth Grantlebury guessed the right way and made the save.

The home side kept up the pressure, Luke Garland crossing

to Ah-Mun who fired in a looping shot but Grantlebury was equal to it. Keiron James then put in a determined run down the right flank; he squared the ball but it was just too near Grantlebury who gathered it with the Dinas forwards closing in.

At the other end after Perks sliced a clearance into the path of Mathew Horman, he ran past the Dinas keeper and with defender James Bloxham scrambling to get on the goal-line only to see Horman put his effort over the bar with 15 minutes of the half gone.

However, just three minutes later a half cleared ball again fell to Horman and this time he made no mistake, lobbing Perks from 15 yards to make it 2-0 to the visitors.

Tata then made their substitutions, David Brennan and Chris Parfitt replacing Pearson and Gavin Williams.

James was tireless in the Dinas midfield, driving into the box time and time again but it wasn't to be Dinas' day. A deep cross from Lazarou reached Ah-Mun who controlled it superbly to get a left foot shot in across the keeper but it was just the wrong side of the upright.

Dinas made their final substitution with 15 minutes remaining, Marc Bloxham replacing young Luke Garland.

A deflection played the ball into the path of Tata's Ross Davies who hit his effort on target but Perks made a good save at full stretch.

Dinas rallied for the last 10 minutes despite being a man down and they had their opponents camped in their own half for some time, forcing three corners on the trot but they could not get the breakthrough. Play switched to the other end for the final couple of minutes, a cross reaching Brennan who put a firm header goalward but Perks plucked it out of the air and another attack from the visitors ended when Lee Lewis brought a fine save from Perks to keep the scoreline respectable.

**Dinas: 1 Jack Perks, 2 Jasper Morgan, 3 Luke Garland, 4 James Marr, 5 James Bloxham (c), 6 Joe Briscoe, 7 Rhodri Foote, 8 Atif Bashir, 9 Luke Swain, 10 Ben Ah-Mun, 11 Keiron James, 12 James Curtin, 14 Mike Lazarou, 15 Marc Bloxham, 16 King Junior Mwedo, 17 Jack Cole.**

On Saturday, October 25, Dinas travel to play Penrhinwceiber Rangers when the management team hope to have a full squad to select from, kick off 2.30pm.

PK

**Gatland names squad for Autumn internationals - see page 32 for full story.**